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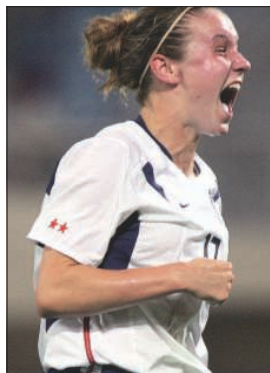
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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**Jackson pretrial hearing resumes:** Despite the high-stakes legal tussle between prosecutors and defense attorneys in the Michael Jackson child molestation case, the public still doesn't know specifically what the two sides are arguing about. California prosecutors and defense lawyers are battling over still-secret evidence that might make or break the case against the pop star. A pretrial hearing resumed Monday.

The defense has been trying to suppress evidence from two searches, claiming one sweep at Jackson's Neverland estate was overbroad and unjustified, and that another at a private investigator's office violated attorney-client confidentiality.

**Peterson murder trial:** The much-anticipated cross-examination of Scott Peterson's former lover, Amber Frey, was delayed Monday in Redwood City, Calif., so a telephone company official who came from Florida could testify first.

Mary Anderson, of West Palm Beach, Fla., works for AT&T Wireless as the director of national subpoena and court order compliance.

Anderson testified about Peterson's cell phone records in the days after his pregnant wife, Laci, vanished.

Authorities used cell phone towers to track Peterson's calls and movements on Dec. 24, 2002, the day Peterson reported his wife missing.

**Crematory trial begins:** It was a scene too horrible to imagine: heaps of decaying bodies that were supposed to be cremated — many spilling out of a storage shed, scattered around a crematory building and in nearby woods.

A civil lawsuit against former operator Brent Marsh and the estate of his late father, former owner Ray Brent Marsh, was to go to trial Monday, 2½ years after the remains were discovered at the Tri-State Crematory in Noble, near the Tennessee line.

Investigators found heaps of decaying bodies from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Tests revealed the crematory gave some families cement dust instead of their loved one's ashes.

**Rescue dogs' deaths studied:** Fourteen search and rescue dogs have died since their exposure to toxic rubble from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack — including eight from cancer, according to a study by the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. But researchers believe there is no connection between the deaths and the chemicals they were exposed to.

Despite the study's findings, some of the owners whose dogs have died still blame the toxic brew the dogs immersed themselves in during the hunt for survivors and remains. "We can't find any link at this point that ties the 14 deaths to events of Sept. 11," said Dr. Cynthia Otto, the study's lead researcher.



**Pakistani-Afghan talks:** Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri, left, greets Afghan President Hamid Karzai, upon his arrival Monday in Islamabad, Pakistan. Karzai arrived for a two-day visit for talks on economic cooperation and fighting terrorism. Ties have been strained by allegations from Afghan officials that Taliban and al-Qaida insurgents stage attacks from Pakistan's western tribal regions.

### World

**N. Korea takes swipe at Bush:** North Korea lashed out Monday at President Bush for turning "a peaceful world into a pandemonium unprecedented in history," and reaffirmed it won't attend preparatory meetings ahead of planned nuclear disarmament talks.

Last week, Bush referred to North Korean leader Kim Jong Il as a "tyrant," and said he had embarked on six-nation talks to convince Kim to disarm because the United States couldn't do it alone. The next round of talks — which also include China, Japan, Russia and South Korea — are supposed to take place by the end of September.

**French probe arson attack:** French investigators said Monday they were skeptical about claims of responsibility for an arson attack on a Jewish community center by a previously unknown Islamic group.

Still, investigators said they are not ruling out any suspects in the fire early Sunday at a Jewish meeting place and soup kitchen in eastern Paris. No one was hurt.

**Museum thieves on the run:** Norwegian police fielded a flood of tips but still had no motive Monday for the daring theft of "The Scream" and another Edvard Munch masterpiece by armed robbers who barged into a lightly guarded Oslo museum and ripped the paintings from the walls before the eyes of stunned visitors.

Police, who launched a nationwide hunt for the works, said there had been no word from the thieves, who were widely expected to demand a ransom. "The Scream," a 20th century icon of angst, is too well known for the thieves to try to sell, experts say.

**Bird flu found in pigs:** China said Monday that a deadly strain of bird flu that killed 27

people in Asia was found in Chinese pigs last year, but denied that the animals had the disease this year. The World Health Organization warned that it could take several years to contain the epidemic.

A new outbreak of the virulent H5N1 strain of avian influenza in Malaysia and flare-ups in Thailand and Vietnam indicate the disease may be entrenched in parts of Asia, a WHO official said. In addition, researchers in northeastern China said last week that they found H5N1 in pigs, which are genetically similar to humans.

**Activists march in Bangladesh:** Thousands of opposition supporters marched through the Bangladesh capital Monday to protest a weekend grenade attack on a political rally that killed 19 people and wounded hundreds.

On Monday, nearly 6,000 Awami League supporters, led by some senior party leaders, paraded through downtown Dhaka, shouting slogans demanding Prime Minister Khaleda Zia resign. Hundreds of riot police stood by, but there were no immediate reports of violence.

The Awami League, along with smaller opposition parties, has called for nationwide general strikes on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### War on Terrorism

**Four dead in raid:** Pakistani troops acting on a tip raided a terrorist hide-out in a remote tribal region near Afghanistan on Monday, sparking a shootout in which at least four foreign fighters were killed and several others wounded, an army spokesman said.

The raid was carried out on the outskirts of Miran Shah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal region, after intelligence reports that foreign terrorists were hiding there, Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan said.

Stories and photo from wire reports

## Messages of Support

★ Thank you very much for doing what you're doing. It is of great comfort to those of us who are waiting for family to return home from Iraq! God Bless You!! This message is for A. Kamper: Hi, Alan! I love you and miss you very much. You have

more support here than you could ever imagine. We all wish you well, and keep you in our prayers. Your loving wife, Diana

★ Praying for all of you to return home safely... Looking for a Thomas Warner

from Long Beach CA. in the Army reserves. Please let him know that Annabell Perez is praying for him. Thank you, Annabell

★ Hey Goofy, We all love you and miss you. Come home soon. Love, Scooby

# Heavy fighting continues near Najaf shrine

## Militant says building's golden dome, minaret hit by shrapnel

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

The Associated Press

**NAJAF, Iraq** — U.S. tanks and snipers took up positions near the revered Imam Ali Shrine and engaged in fierce battles with militants Monday as the U.S. military stepped up pressure on the insurgents to leave the holy site and end their uprising.

Late Monday night, U.S. warplanes bombed the area of the Old City, and shrapnel from the attack hit the shrine's golden dome, one of its minarets and the compound's outer wall, said al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shabuni. A fire near the area lit up the night sky.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment.

Violence earlier Monday ripped a chunk out of the outer wall of the shrine compound.

Explosions throughout the day shook the Old City — a mix of streets and narrow, maze-like alleys that is the heart of much of

the fighting — sending up clouds of black smoke.

With the U.S. advance Monday, fewer militant fighters were visible in the streets of Najaf and some were seen leaving the city. Military medical officials said at least two insurgents were killed and four others injured.

Al-Hakim Hospital reported two dead civilians and two others injured, but many more casualties were reported in the Old City and could not be reached by emergency workers, said Hussein Hadi, a hospital employee.

Muqtada al-Sadr, the militant cleric leading the uprising, has himself not been seen in public for many days, and police drove around Najaf with loudspeakers declaring that he had fled and was headed to the northern city of Sulaymaniyah. Al-Sadr's aides denied that.

"Muqtada al-Sadr is still in Najaf and is still supervising the operations," Sheikh Aas al-Khafaqi, the head of al-Sadr's office in



A plume of smoke rises Monday over the skyline of Najaf, Iraq. Monday was marked by explosions and gunfire near the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf, as the U.S. military stepped up pressure on the insurgents to quickly hand over the holy site to Shiite religious authorities.

the southern city of Nasiriyah, told the pan-Arab television station al-Jazeera.

Worries that the violence could spread have fueled calls by Iraq's neighbors and other Islamic countries for international intervention to end the fighting in Najaf.

In Baghdad's heavily Shiite Sadr City neighborhood, which has been wracked by violence since the Najaf uprising, an explosion Monday killed four people and injured nine others, said Dr. Qasim Saddam, director of Sadr Hospital. The cause of the blast was unclear, and the U.S. military said it was unaware of the incident.

The Najaf fighting, which began Aug. 5, has killed at least 40 Iraqi policemen, eight U.S. troops and scores of civilian bystanders. The U.S. military says it has killed hundreds of militants, though the militants say their casualties have been far lower.

The crisis has posed a severe challenge to the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Alawi, who has tried to take a hard-line toward insurgents causing chaos throughout the country.

Government officials have sent mixed messages in recent days, first threatening to raid the shrine — which would infuriate the nation's Shiite majority — then backing down and saying they were willing to wait for a peaceful solution.

Al-Sadr's aides said Friday they would turn over the shrine to Shiite religious authorities, but the militants had still not withdrawn by Monday amid squabbling with the religious leaders over the details of the pullout.

Interior Minister Falah Hassan al-Naqib said the government would not wait indefinitely.

"Certainly there's a limit, and I think the period has started to narrow," he told Al-Arabiya television Monday. "It could be days or it could be hours. Such decisions are taken at the time, depending on the developments."

The violence has already damaged the outer walls of the shrine compound in several places, though the damage inflicted late Sunday was among the most severe. An outer wall on the Western side of the compound, near one of the compound's four en-

trances, had a chunk about 12 inches by 30 inches ripped out of it.

The militants blamed the damage on U.S. bombing. U.S. military officials said they were careful not to launch attacks near the shrine.

Maj. Jay Antonelli, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said that in response to sniper fire and rocket-propelled grenade attacks, U.S. forces fired artillery Monday at a parking garage about 400 yards west of the shrine compound and fired mortars at other sniper nests.

"No shots were fired into the mosque," he said.

Tanks approached within 250 yards of the shrine, the closest they have come to the compound in recent days. U.S. snipers took positions on rooftops around the shrine, witnesses said.

Clashes broke out throughout the day, planes flew overhead as explosions shook the city. Antonelli said militants within the shrine compound fired 120 mm mortars at the governor's office in Najaf. There were no immediate reports of casualties in the attack.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 949 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 708 died as a result of hostile action and 241 died of non-hostile causes. The department did not provide an update Saturday.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major

combat operations in Iraq had ended, 811 U.S. soldiers have died as a result of hostile action and 212 of non-hostile causes, according to Friday's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ One Marine was killed in action Saturday in Anbar province.

■ Two Marines died Saturday of wounds received while on patrol in Anbar province.

■ A Marine was killed Saturday in a vehicle accident in Anbar province.

■ A U.S. soldier was killed Sunday in a roadside bomb attack outside Mosul.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ None.

## Bush says progress being made in Iraq

BY DEB RICHMANN

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush said U.S.-led forces were "making progress" in Iraq where Marines were engaged in fierce battles with followers of a radical cleric heading up in the holy city of Najaf. "We're talking about Iraq moving forward in Iraq," and helping the Iraqis secure the nation as it approaches elections, Bush said here after mapping defense strategy for more than three hours with top national security officials. "We're making progress on the ground."

Democrat John Kerry's national security adviser has accused the president of not doing enough to make the nation safer, especially in view of recommendations from the bipartisan commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Kerry emerged in shirt sleeves and boots from his meeting at a small house on his ranch, telling reporters that he and his advisers also discussed how to position troops around the world and intelligence reform.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., on Sunday offered the most sweeping reorganization proposal by anyone since the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He called for major changes, including transferring control of

the nation's major intelligence gathering from the CIA and the Pentagon to a new national intelligence director.

Bush said he hadn't seen Roberts' proposal, but would review it.

"There's a lot of ideas moving around. And we've got a lot of smart people looking at the best way to fashion intelligence so that the president and his Cabinet secretaries have got the ability to make good judgment calls on behalf of the American people."

He said that while he has called for the creation of a national intelligence director, he's not in favor of "anything standing in between me and my line operators like the secretary of defense."

"In other words, once intelligence is in place and once we come up with a decision as to how to act, I want to make sure the person responsible for the actions has a direct report to me," he said.

Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice were among those who attended the defense policy meeting at the president's ranch.

Gen. George Casey, the senior U.S. officer in Iraq, and Gen. John Abizaid, head of the U.S. Central Command, participated in part of the meeting via a secure video conference.

## U.S. apologizes for Afghan deaths

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military on Monday apologized for the deaths of three unarmed Afghans, shot dead by American troops after their pickup truck failed to stop at a road checkpoint.

Spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson said the U.S.-led coalition was investigating Saturday night's shooting in the central province of Ghazni, 75 miles south of Kabul, and looking into ways to make its checkpoints safer.

## 1st Marine Division change of command

The Marine Corps' oldest and most decorated division, the 1st Marine Division, got a new top leader last week.

Maj. Gen. Richard Natonski took command of the division from Maj. Gen. James Mattis during a ceremony Friday in Iraq.

Natonski takes over the division after serving as deputy commander of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Natonski commanded the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force's Task Force Tarawa during the drive to Baghdad last year, fighting a large battle for two bridges in the Iraqi town of Nasiriyah that resulted in the loss of 18 Marines.

Mattis will be promoted to lieutenant general and assume command of the Quantico, Va.-based Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

From staff and wire reports

# Army judge seeks to expedite investigations

## Sets Sept. 10 deadline for reports on Abu Ghraib

BY JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany — An Army judge threatened to dismiss charges against one of the alleged ringleaders in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal unless the government speeds up several key investigations into the case.

The military judge, Col. James Pohl, told prosecutors he would "seriously consider" dropping charges against Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr., an Army reservist with the 322nd Military Police Company, unless significant progress was made in releasing four reports by Sept. 10.

Guy Womack, a retired Marine colonel who is representing Graner, said the investigations will help prove his client is being turned into a scapegoat for the Army.

Womack said that Graner and the other MPs charged in the case were simply following orders from senior Army brass and civilian contractors at Abu Ghraib. Womack points to Lt. Col. Steve Jordan, who was responsible for overseeing the intelligence contractors, as the real culprit in the scandal.

Womack said Col. Thomas Pappas of the Darmstadt, Germany, 205th Military Intelligence Brigade, another leader at the prison at the time, was likely involved as well.

### Army reservist may enter guilty plea

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — One of the Army reservists charged with abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison said Monday that he will plead guilty to some offenses.

Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick, of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company, said in a statement given to The Associated Press by his attorney: "I have accepted responsibility for my actions at Abu Ghraib prison. I will be pleading guilty to certain charges because I have concluded that what I did was a violation of law."

Frederick does not specify the charges to which he will plead guilty, and it wasn't clear whether he will continue contesting any of the allegations. He is charged with mistreating detainees, conspiracy to mistreat detainees, dereliction of duty and wrongfully committing an indecent act.

Frederick, 37, has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Tuesday in Mannheim, Germany.

### Court-martial begins for Marine

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Military authorities began their trial Monday of a Marine Reserve sergeant charged with assaulting an Iraqi prisoner of war who later died, and a judge ruled the defense could present testimony that contradicts a key witness.

The court-martial of Sgt. Gary Pittman in the death of Nagm Sadoon Hatab is the first court-martial known to be connected to the death

of a prisoner in Iraq. Opening statements were expected to be presented Monday afternoon.

Hatab's death was the first that U.S. military authorities acknowledged. Hatab died two days after his capture in June 2003 at Camp Whitehorse, a makeshift lockup in southern Iraq that has since been closed. According to a fellow Marine who has been granted immunity, Pittman karate-kicked the handcuffed, hooded Hatab in the chest so hard that he flew three feet before hitting the floor. Hatab had been rumored to be an official of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's Bath party and part of the ambush of a U.S. Army convoy that killed 11 soldiers and led to the capture of Pfc. Jessica Lynch and five others.

### 3 Americans on trial in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — The trial of three Americans accused of torturing Afghan prisoners in a private jail heated up Monday, with a defense attorney showing videos of a top minister pledging his full support to the vigilantes, then sending his security forces on a raid along with the men.

The videos, and another showing NATO peacekeepers involved in a separate raid, are part of the defense's effort to prove that the counter-terrorism operation had the backing of the U.S. Pentagon and Afghan officials.

Jonathan Idema, Brent Bennett and Edward Caraballo face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges of kidnapping and torture. Four alleged Afghan accomplices are also on trial.

From The Associated Press

Ambuhl and Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Frederick also are scheduled to appear.

The next round of pretrial hearings in Graner's case is slated for Oct. 21 in Baghdad. Those hearings will address whether top leaders in Iraq, including Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, who replaced Sanchez as commander of warfighting units in Iraq, have improperly tried to influence the legal proceedings against Graner.

In the meantime, Pohl said, he wants to see progress on the four investigations.

One of those investigations, a report by Maj. Gen. George Fay

into the abuse at the prison, was supposed to be released last month, said Army prosecutors.

The report is now with the commander of the Army Materiel Command, Gen. Paul Kern, said prosecutors, where it is being briefed to top Army leaders before its release.

Several news organizations in recent days already have reported its major findings.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command also is investigating several of its own agents for possible abuse, said prosecutors.

Included in that probe is a review of hundreds of thousands of documents passed on the classified computer server used by military officials at the prison complex.

Two more reports are also in the works, one by the Defense Department inspector general and another by the Inspector General of Defense. James Schlesinger for the Department of Defense.

Both are expected to be released in the lead-up to congressional hearings, now slated for Sept. 9.

Pohl also denied requests for a permanent change in venue for the trials.

Defense attorneys want to move the trials from Baghdad — where they're expected to begin next year — to either Germany or the United States.

Pohl added, however, that the motion was "premature" and would be willing to reconsider the request as the actual trial approaches.

Womack argues that few — if any — of the two dozen reservists he hopes to call as witnesses will be willing to travel to Iraq for the trial.

And we can't compel them to come," he said.

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# Army reservist weds Baghdad bride

The Associated Press

PORT ORCHARD, Wash.

A Washington state soldier has married the Iraqi woman he met and fell in love with while in Baghdad.

Spc. Robert Hall, 23, says he knew within a month that he would marry Vivian Mansour, 21, of Baghdad, even though at first neither spoke a word of each other's language.

Hall, an Army reservist who earned a Bronze Star for meritorious service during his one-year tour, said he's never been happier.

The two were married here Saturday. "I never in my life saw this coming," he said.

For them, cultural differences are offset by a shared Christian faith. Mansour is a Kurdish Christian — a population that makes up just 3 percent of Iraq's 24 million people.

"It's such a learning experience," Hall said.

"Our cultures are different, but the way we look at it is, we're both children of God."

The Christian population was persecut-

ed by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's regime, but after his ouster they have been targeted by other groups.

A recent wave of church bombings has prompted about 40,000 Iraqi Christians to leave the country.

Mansour's family has been in danger not only because of their faith, but because they worked for the U.S. military.

Hall was with the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion, which set up camp inside the Baghdad palace complex.

The battalion worked closely with Iraqis, helping to resolve infrastructure problems and clear weapons caches.

He met Mansour — and her mother and sister — when they were hired as cleaning women.

"Every time she came over, I kind of followed her and watched her clean," Hall said.

"Yes, everywhere," Mansour recalled,

laughing.

He met with his unit's attorney to make sure the interactions were legal.

The couple met in open settings when Hall was off duty.

"I made sure every step of the way I wasn't doing anything illegal," Hall said.

"I wouldn't suggest having a relationship over there at all. It makes it that much harder. But I find myself blessed for what happened."

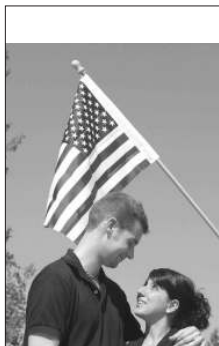
Mansour, who had never before left Baghdad, misses her parents, her sister and four brothers.

Relatives from San Diego flew north to attend the wedding.

Hall says his main focus initially will be to help her feel at home.

Mansour's English is still a work in progress, but she knows what attracted her to Hall.

"Heart first," she said, pointing to her chest.



Army Spc. Robert Hall, 23, of Silverdale, Wash., embraces Vivian Mansour, 21, of Baghdad in Silverdale. The two got married on Saturday after meeting less than a month ago.



# A costly cleaning of Army posts in Europe

## GAO estimates contamination repair at \$90 million

By SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

**NAVAL STATION ROSA, Spain**—It will cost about \$90 million to clean up potential soil and ground water contamination at U.S. Army bases in Europe regardless which ones are closed, congressional investigators reported.

That figure is the most recent estimate by the Army Installation Management Agency, which oversees various support services at all U.S. Army bases in Europe.

The Government Accountability Office listed the cost in its July 14 report titled "Defense Infrastructure: Factors Affecting U.S. Infrastructure Costs Overseas and the Development of Comprehensive Master Plans." It did not include clean-up costs for Air Force and Navy bases in Europe.

Congressional investigators recommended that regional overseas military commands should consider such factors as property values and environmental issues when deciding which bases to keep, consolidate or close.

The report found environmental issues continue to be a concern in South Korea, Japan and Europe.

Lt. Cmdr. Rick Haupt, a spokesman with the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said the estimate represents \$72 million in probable damage on sites with known contamination and \$18 million for spots where contamination is suspected. He did not give a list of the bases with known or suspected contamination, but said none are considered to constitute "known imminent and substantial endangerment" to human health or safety.

The Defense Department cleans overseas sites that have imminent health risks, must be repaired to maintain operations or as required by international agreements, according to Haupt.

The report did not say how environmental issues might influence base relocation decisions, but bases with contaminated soil or ground water could be costly to close. The report said the U.S. government might have to pay to clean up bases and property before the host-nation government takes them back. How much it would cost would vary by country. In the past, overseas regional commands have "incurred limited costs" for environmental clean-up projects at bases they have returned.

A May 2003 agreement between the U.S. and South Korean governments set procedures for removing or lowering contaminated soil or ground water, the GAO report said. The U.S. Pacific Command told the GAO that Japan is enacting more stringent environmental laws.

Efforts to remove or lower soil or ground water contamination to acceptable levels have been "an ongoing issue in Europe since at least the early 1990s," according to the study. Greater negotiations might be required to address environmental issues, investigators added.

The study said including environmental and property value factors would help the military better manage its overseas infrastructure and the associated costs as the Pentagon shakes up the makeup of its forces.

President Bush announced Aug. 16 that he plans to bring home 60,000 to 70,000 overseas troops and close hundreds of bases in an effort to better fight future conflicts.

The congressional report sought to help Congress and the Defense Department provide better oversight of plans to overhaul

## Transforming the forces in Europe

While overseas regional commands transform their force structure to meet future missions, a recent Government Accountability Office report says commanders need to consider more factors in the process. The agency recommended that commanders include such factors as property value and environmental issues when developing future plans for overseas bases. Congress is concerned that construction money will go toward bases that will eventually be closed or deemed obsolete. Here are some highlights of the transformation proposal:

### ICELAND

**Downsize Keflavik Air Station.** Three parcels of land have been nominated by U.S. Navy Europe for return to the host nation.



### RAJSTEIN

**Air Force closing Rhein-Main Air Base outside of Frankfurt and moving most air operations to Ramstein.**

**GRAFENWOHR** Army to consolidate 3,500 soldiers and 5,000 family members from 13 locations in Friedberg and Giessen, in Germany, moving them to Grafenwohr, Germany.



### NAPLES

**Navy moving its European headquarters from London to Naples, Italy.**



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military forces overseas. Congress ordered the Pentagon to submit master plans for each of the overseas commands with next year's budget requests out of concern that tax money would go toward bases later deemed obsolete.

The GAO between November 2003 and April 2004 found that regional commands had not developed the mandated master plans because they were waiting for guidance from the Pentagon's Global Posture Review. The report, also known as the GPR, will provide a blueprint for how U.S. forces will look overseas, and should be released after another round of U.S. base closures, Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. Tracy O'Grady-Walsh said.

The Defense Department partially agreed with the agency's recommendations in the GAO report.

Philip Grone, principal assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, wrote in response to the findings that comprehensive relocation plans should include environmental concerns but not how

much the U.S. government would be compensated for returned bases.

The GAO study detailed some of the changes planned for Western Europe and Northeast Asia, including plans to consolidate 3,500 soldiers and 5,000 family members from 13 locations to Grafenwohr, Germany. Investigators also wrote that negotiations are under way to return 36 installations in Germany, Herndon Housing in the United Kingdom, multiple radar sites in Turkey and Hellenikon and Iraklion air bases in Greece.

It noted that since the early 1990s, U.S. officials have recouped \$175 million in cash through negotiated settlements with nine European countries. The U.S. government can negotiate with host nations on the residual value of bases. Those with barracks that could be turned into apartments, for example, might be worth more than a base with outdated armories.

As of fiscal 2003, the Defense Department had more than 6,000 installations, of which 702 are located overseas.

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# Würzburg housing upgrades get mixed reviews

## Gates outside Lincoln Housing area improve safety, but are overbearing to some

BY STEVE LEWIER  
Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — Drive into the Lincoln Housing area just outside Würzburg's Leighton Barracks, and you could be driving onto any secure military base.

There's a heavy, wrought-iron fence anchored in concrete, a bulletproof guard house, a covered area for searching vehicles and a drop-arm barricade to bar invaders.

That's quite different from the way Lincoln looked three years ago. Back then, its unguarded parking lots opened onto a busy German street. Its back parking ground offered no protection against intruders from neighboring yards.

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks woke up Army security officials to the risks of wide-open, off-base military housing complexes. They closed down some smaller ones in Europe, and rushed soldiers to guard larger ones such as Lincoln.

They also began solving the long-term puzzle of protecting them.

### 98th ASG upgrade schedule

Estimated dates and costs for current and upcoming security upgrades in 98th Area Support Group projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Richtofen Housing, Kitzingen — September 2004-July 2005, \$700,000.</li> <li>■ Marshall Heights, Kitzingen — September 2004-September 2005, \$900,000.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Lincoln Housing, Würzburg — March 2003-August 2004, \$1.2 million.</li> <li>■ Asken Manor, Schweinfurt — September 2004-May 2005, \$1.4 million.</li> <li>■ Yorktown Housing, Schweinfurt — September 2004-April 2005, \$1.2 million.</li> <li>■ Corlette Circle, Kitzingen — September 2004-May 2005, \$500,000.</li> </ul>	<p>Upgrades will include any or all of the following: wall and wrought-iron fence in front of housing area; reinforced chain-link fence on back and sides; covered vehicle search area; security cameras; drop-arm barriers; bulletproof guardhouse; new access lanes.</p> <p>Source: 98th Area Support Group, Department of Public Works</p>

Earlier this month, the Würzburg-based 98th Area Support Group finished its first housing-area security upgrade, at Lincoln, to mixed reviews from residents.

In September, it will start similar improvements at five other complexes which, though fenced and guarded, don't reach NATO's security standards.

They are at Asken Manor and Yorktown Housing in Schweinfurt, and Marshall Heights, Richmond and Corlette Circle in Kitzingen.

Lincoln's upgrade began in

March 2003. The stairwell apartment complex includes six buildings, home to 72 families of field-grade officers. Most are with the Würzburg-based 1st Infantry Division, which is currently serving in Iraq.

The \$1.4 million project fenced in the entire 6.3-acre site and replaced a small wooden guardhouse with a sturdier one. A small lane and traffic circle have replaced what used to be a parking lot.

"Armed guards, fences front and back — it's definitely a deterrent," said Maj. Mike Alexander,

who lives there with his wife and children. "It makes me feel secure. It's a heckuva different place than it was three years ago."

At a Lincoln Housing town meeting last week, though, some residents compared the community to a prison. They complained the private security guards talk too loudly at night, don't always patrol the grounds and that it is easy to dig underneath some of the fences. Pedestrians and cars must now enter and leave the community through a single gate that they say is dangerous to those on foot.

"It's not a better way of life for us," said one officer's wife, who did not give her name.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrison, the 98th ASG's director of public works, said the designers of security projects such as these have to balance the looks and design with the need to protect families against threats no one imagined when these apartments opened.

"It looks very forbidding. It doesn't look like happy family housing," he said. But, he added, "it's got to [have] a wall you can't drive a truck through."

Matt Swanson, deputy public works director for the Kitzingen-based 417th Base Support Battalion, told Lincoln residents he thought most of the problems they cited could be fixed easily. He thanked them for suggestions that will help make future projects better.

Swanson also encouraged them to think of their complexes as gated communities, not armed fortresses.

"It's all to keep you safe," he said. "The world has changed."

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## Home, sweet home



CLAUDETTE ROULO/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Sundermann, right, and Lt. Col. Michael J. Swanson smooth out the wrinkles on the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry flag during a ceremony Friday at Ilesheim Army Airfield, Germany. The ceremony marked the first time in a year that the squadron stood together in Ilesheim under its colors after undergoing intensive training on the new Apache AH-64D Longbow in Fort Hood, Texas.

## Poles visit Aviano to get familiar with F-16s

BY KENT HARRIS  
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — If all goes as scheduled, F-16s will be flying regularly in the skies over Poland in a few years.

And they won't have Americans in them.

Currently, though, one of the closest places members of the Polish air force can see the jets — and the personnel, material and systems that keep them airborne — is at Aviano.

It takes hundreds of Americans doing their jobs to get one of the aircraft off the ground. That's the kind of effort the visitors are most interested in seeing.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for our guys," said 2nd Lt. Jeff Fogle, executive officer for the 31st Maintenance Group. "The Polish air force is building the next generation of its air force and we have an opportunity to play a small role in that."

Aviano had no role in the sale of 48 F-16s to Poland for a reported \$3.5 billion. And Lt. Col. Steven Jarvis, the Air Force's country director for Poland, cringed when he heard the word "training" mentioned Monday.

He said the visit — one of dozens planned at various bases in Europe and the States — was more to show the Poles how the Air Force operates at a base that flies F-16s. It is service-to-service cooperation at its best, he said.

"I think it's a testimony to how close we want to work together," Jarvis said.



KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

Airman 1st Class Vanessa Hermosillo and Donald Morell adjust Polish air force Col. Wladyslaw Lesikowski's flight suit Monday during his visit to Aviano Air Base, Italy. Aviano is showing more than a dozen officers from Poland — which is buying 48 F-16 jets — how the Air Force operates and maintains its fleet.

Most of those visiting this week are higher-level officers who will be spending more time putting together Polish programs and policies than piloting the planes.

"I'm too old," said Col. Wladyslaw Lesikowski, smiling. The team leader, who has spent the better part of two decades piloting aircraft such as the SU-22 and various MiG models, is to get his first ride in an F-16 this week.

Tadeusz Piecukiewicz, a retired colonel working in the country's defense department, said the majority of pilots that Poland trains will be younger officers.

"It's a long-term investment for us," he said, adding that those trained would, it is hoped, be flying the planes for decades.

As for the planes, they'll be a newer version — with an array of the latest technology — than those that call Aviano home. The jets are to start arriving in late 2006.

Col. Adam Swierkoc, who com-

mands the Polish air base in Lask, has been on an F-16 before — thanks to the Danish air force. Asked to compare that ride to piloting the SU-22, he laughed.

"I forgot. It was about six years ago. Ask me in two days," he said.

While Lesikowski and Swierkoc visited the 510th Fighter Squadron to be briefed on how the squadron is structured and functions, other members of the Polish delegation took a look at maintenance and operations.

A visit to the maintenance facilities at Aviano might be eye-opening for those used to a different system.

"They have officers doing what we have airmen doing," Fogle said. Capt. Phil Lancaster, a 510th pilot escorting one of the groups of Polish visitors, said a lot of the things the air forces do appear to be similar. But there are quite a few differences, too.

"They're not afraid to ask questions," Lancaster said. "But they're teaching us, too."

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# 'Stars' hit the stage for USAREUR contests

## Soldiers display musical talents

By LISA HORN  
Stars and Stripes

KATTERBACH, Germany — For Command Sgt. Maj. William Brown, U.S. Army Europe's 25th annual Stars of Tomorrow contest is more like a reunion of friends than a competition.

In his third year of competing in the contest, the soldier from Vicenza, Italy's 14th Transportation Battalion, awed the audience again this year with his flawless fingerwork on the autoharp and placed first in the instrumental category.

The Stars of Tomorrow contest was the second day of a weekend of performances at the Katterbach Fitness Center.

Saturday's Battle of Bands competition, also in its 25th year, featured seven bands. And just like the Stars of Tomorrow contestants, they were vying for a chance to compete at the Army-wide competition in Fort Belvoir, Va., later this year.

"I like participating in Stars of Tomorrow because it gives me a chance to meet some old friends," Brown said. "It would surprise an average person who doesn't come to an event like this, [to see] the level of talent that there is in the Army."

Brown took second in the instrumental solo category last year, but because the winner was a civilian was able to advance to the all-Army competition.

"There are some really good acts up there today," he said. "I just like to come out and compete. If I can play music, then it doesn't matter if I get a trophy or not."

Spc. Anwan Mason's performance of "One Day," a song written by an Italian producer she collaborated with on a demo tape, earned the Vicenza soldier second



LISA HORN/Stars and Stripes

**1st Sgt. Tracy Ross, of Giebelstadt, Germany, belts out "Incomplete" Sunday at the U.S. Army Europe Stars of Tomorrow contest in Katterbach, Germany. Ross took first in the male vocal solo category and placed third in the best of show division.**

and place in the female vocal solo category.

Mason, who participated in the 2002 Stars of Tomorrow contest, was unable to perform last year because she was deployed to Iraq. A member of the 510th Personnel Service Battalion, Mason said having her demo tape down-range was a motivation for her.

She hopes to earn a spot with the USAREUR Soldier's Chorus and produce her own CD.

"I enjoy this [contest]," Mason said. "I try not to look at it as competition — it's people expressing their talents."

Jamie Shallah, a civilian from Hohenfels, Germany, placed first in the female vocal solo category

with her rendition of "Coal Miner's Daughter." Because Mason was the highest-placing soldier in the category, she will represent USAREUR at the Army-wide contest.

Jim Sohre, USAREUR entertainment director, said that he was taken aback by the talent of the performers.

"We are just amazed at the participation that we had this year ... [with] the 1st Armored Division coming back from deployment [to Iraq] and the 1st Infantry Division currently deployed," he said. "There's just no end to the depth of talent at our disposal in this command."

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RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

**Jed Martin, drummer for the Hohenfels, Germany-based band Busted Amber, shows off some of the skills that won him best drummer at Saturday's USAREUR Battle of Bands in Katterbach, Germany.**

## Messages of Support

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## And the winners are ...

### Top finishers in U.S. Army Europe's 2004 Battle of Bands:

- First — Black Box 60, Hohenfels, Germany
- Second — Silent Majority, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
- Third — Busted Amber, Hohenfels (Black Box and Busted Amber advance to All-Army Battle of Bands)
- Best guitarist — Pfc. Kyeleen Downes, Just Add Water, Ansbach, Germany
- Best bass guitarist — Spc. Warren Mixon, Just Add Water
- Best drummer — Spc. Jed Martin, Busted Amber
- Best vocalist — Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tony McGee, Push Button War, Ansbach
- Best back-up vocalist — Spc. Benjamin Branson, Black Box 60

### Top finishers in USAREUR's 2004 Stars of Tomorrow:

- Winner advances to All-Army contest unless otherwise noted.
- Best of show
- First — Chris Sears, vocal solo, self-accompanied, Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Second — Command Sgt. Maj. William Brown, autoharp solo, Vicenza, Italy
- Third — 1st Sgt. Tracy Ross, male vocal, Giebelstadt, Germany
- Male vocal

- First — 1st Sgt. Tracy Ross, Giebelstadt
- Second — "Baby Gee," Sgt. Rodrigo Olesty, Bamberg, Germany
- Third — Pfc. Joe Rochel, Heidelberg, Germany
- Female vocal
- First — Jamie Shallah, Hohenfels
- Second — Spc. Anwan Mason, Vicenza, (advances to all-Army contest)
- Third — Brandi Ladd, Ansbach
- Vocal solo, self-accompanied
- First — Chris Sears, Kaiserslautern
- Second — Lost Dogz: Sgt. John Grubbs & Pfc. Steppie Janeda, Darmstadt (advances to all-Army contest)
- Third — Sgt. 1st Class David Brodious, Hohenfels
- Vocal duet
- First — Jamie Shallah and Ralph Samuel, Hohenfels
- Second — Lost Dogz: Sgt. John Grubbs & Pfc. Steppie Janeda, Darmstadt (advances to all-Army contest)
- Third — Pat & Cat: P.J. and Catherine Aheam, Ansbach
- Instrumental solo
- First — Command Sgt. Maj. William Brown, autoharp, Vicenza
- Second — Pfc. James Cameron Hall, guitar, Hohenfels
- Third — 1st Sgt. Fred Velez, guitar, Hohenfels
- Specialty category
- First — Pfc. Kevin Taylor and Spc. Christopher Rodriguez, guitars/vocals, Hohenfels
- Second — Robert Thompson, rap, Darmstadt
- Third — Blues Delight: 1st Sgt. Fred Velez, Spc. Benjamin Branson, Pfc. Jacob Sperber, Hohenfels

## Honoring those who answered

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# Abortion funding sought for military hospitals

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Sexual assault victims advocate Christine Hansen wants to see female troops, especially those deployed to combat zones, have the same access to reproductive health — from contraception to abortion — as any other American woman.

According to the Pentagon's Care for Victims of Sexual Assaults, a committee formed after reports of rape and sexual assaults by troops in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, there were 901 reported cases of sexual assault in 2002, and 1,012 in 2003 throughout the military.

Of those, 118 (24 in 2002 and 94 in 2003) were reported from the Central Command area of responsibility, which includes Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Still more attacks have been reported to the Miles Foundation, an organization that provides services to victims of violence associated with the military, said Hansen, the group's executive director.

"We have had over 200 cases of reported sexual assaults from women in Iraq and Kuwait," Hansen said. "I don't have a clear number of pregnancies, regrettably, but more than half a dozen [of the assaults] have resulted in pregnancies."

Of the 200 reported cases, not all were rapes, she said.

Central Command, the combatant element responsible for Iraq and Afghanistan, has a policy to evacuate all pregnant servicemembers out of the area of operations "until the pregnancy is resolved and

## Proposed amendment would have DOD pay for procedures in cases of rape and incest

the member can be evaluated and cleared to return to duty," said spokeswoman Maj. Matt McLaughlin.

But with evacuations to the military hospital at Landstuhl, Germany, or other overseas locations, the servicewoman would still have a difficult time resolving the situation, critics say.

The foundation and Planned Parenthood Federation routinely lobby Congress to reverse a 1995 law that prevents women in the military, both active duty and dependents, from getting federally funded abortions at military hospitals.

Under current law, abortions are permitted only in three cases: when the mother's life is in danger, and in cases of rape or incest, and with the latter two, the woman must pay for the procedure.

But with rapes happening in war zones, and the freedom to return to the United States on leave to take care of it privately being more difficult, the movement is getting some traction.

In March, Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, co-wrote an amendment to the Defense Authorization spending bill that would have the Defense



Snowe



Boxer

Department pay for abortions in cases of rape or incest.

"Any victim facing the horror of rape or sexual assault needs every option and support made available to them," Snowe said in a statement. "This bill removes a barrier under current law that prohibits the De-

partment of Defense from providing access to critical reproductive health services for our troops."

The measure made it into the Senate version of the bill, but not the House of Representatives. In September, lawmakers will begin hashing out the differences.

"We're just looking for the same sort of care and access women in the United States have," said Jodie Leu, assistant director of Government Relations at Planned Parenthood. "Even poor women in the U.S. don't have to pay. They can depend on Medicare."

The Boxer-Snowe amendment is but a first step, she said, to lobbying efforts to get women unfettered access to abortions at military hospitals, Leu said.

Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, or NRLC, wants to see the Boxer-Snowe

amendment defeated, he said.

NRLC teams with several pro-life and adoption organizations to inform women of alternatives to abortion.

The issue boils down to protecting servicemembers and punishing abusers, Johnson said.

"The last thing that needs to be done is to give a woman an abortion and have her get right back to work," Johnson said. "That doesn't address the problem at all. They need to investigate these cases to the fullest extent and prevent assaults from happening in the first place."

Accessing abortion treatment isn't such a big problem for servicewomen and dependents in the United States, who have access to civilian clinics and hospitals, Hansen and Leu noted.

Matters are complicated overseas, where no military hospitals will perform the procedure outside of the three exceptions, and where in some countries, the procedure is outlawed. Women sometimes must inform their chain-of-command if they need to take leave to fly to the United States or elsewhere.

Their push for adequate reproductive health isn't limited to abortions, however. Both want to see an increase in the number of rape kits in the combat zone, and access to emergency contraception such as what has been dubbed the "morning-after pill," which is a high dosage of birth control pills that prevents pregnancy.

Hansen said there are roughly 100 rape kits in theater, a number she says is too low for the number of cases the Miles Foundation is handling.

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## IN THE WORLD

## Sudan officials, rebels hold talks on Darfur

Fighting between Arab tribes and non-Arab villagers has left thousands dead, homeless

BY DANIEL BALINT-KURTZ

The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Pushed to end what the United Nations calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis, Sudanese government envoys opened talks in Nigeria on Monday with rebel leaders from the western Darfur region.

"Let us bear in mind the suffering of the masses of women, grandparent, children as well as the refugees and displaced persons," said Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, who currently heads the African Union that hosted the talks. "I appeal to all stakeholders to have an open mind and commence the negotiations with a commitment to a genuine search for a solution through meaningful and reasonable conditions for peace."

Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw flew to Sudan and said he would discuss ways of dealing with the crisis with Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir before visiting a refugee camp in the western region of Darfur where conflict between

rebel groups has forced millions of people to flee their homes.

"I am keen to see for myself the situation on the ground in Darfur and to make clear to the Sudanese government and people the extent of British, and broader international, concern," Straw said shortly before he left Britain.

Two rebel groups, the Sudan Liberation Army and the Justice and Equality Movement, assembled delegations for the talks. Eighteen months of conflict in Darfur have killed tens of thousands and driven 1.2 million others from their homes.

Tensions between nomadic Arab tribes and non-Arab African villagers erupted in February 2003 when the two Darfur rebel groups took up arms over what they regard as unjust treatment by the government in their struggle with Arab countrymen.

The United Nations, the United States and others accuse Sudan's government of backing pro-government Janjaweed militia in a violent ethnic-cleansing campaign of killing and rape, and razing communities.

Tacadi Bashi Nyan, a top Justice and Equality Movement delegate, was guarded by hopeful the conference could achieve real gains toward peace in Darfur.

"We are optimistic, but I believe that this government hasn't demonstrated enough seriousness," Nyan said Monday.

"The government is yet to put a stop to the activities of the Janjaweed, who are still killing people and attacking people. There is no security in the area. If these things are corrected, then we can have a good atmosphere for the talks. So a lot depends on circumstance," Nyan said.

In a goodwill gesture on the eve of peace talks in Nigeria, Sudan's government said Sunday it would cut the number of official paramilitary forces operating in Darfur by 30 percent.

U.N. spokeswoman Radhia Achouri welcomed the move, saying the paramilitary Popular Defense Forces have been blamed for violence against African tribespeople in west Sudan's three Darfur states.

"It is a positive step because these forces are one of the reasons of concern for us ...

they are armed and have been involved in [the violent] actions we want to stop," Achouri said in a telephone interview from the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

Sudan's state minister for interior affairs, Ahmed Mohamed Haroon, said Sunday that the 30-percent reduction in the volunteer force's numbers was ordered to build confidence ahead of the African Union-sponsored peace talks, and to help implement a rarely heeded April 8 cease-fire agreement.

On the eve of the talks, Obasanjo suggested African Union troops be used to help disarm both sides in the conflict. More than 150 AU troops from Rwanda are currently in Darfur protecting some 80 union monitors observing the largely ignored cease-fire. Another 150 soldiers from Nigeria are expected to arrive in coming weeks.

While the troops' mandate does not spell out how far they can go to protect targeted civilians, Obasanjo said Sunday that the soldiers and Sudanese government must work together to garrison the rebels and put them somewhere where their arms can be collected.

## Israel approves more homes in West Bank

BY MARK LAVIE

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel announced plans Monday for more than 500 new housing units in the West Bank, following an apparent U.S. policy shift on Jewish settlements that has infuriated the Palestinians.

Israeli officials also said there would be a one-year delay in construction of a large section of its West Bank barrier, citing a Supreme Court ruling that parts of the structure cause too much hardship on the Palestinians.

The barrier and settlement construction are linked to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "disengagement" plan to separate Israel from the Palestinians. The plan includes a full withdrawal from the Gaza Strip next year and completion of the separation barrier, while simultaneously beefing up large blocks of Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

Sharon says the moves will boost Israel's security and preserve its Jewish majority.

The United States, which supports the Gaza pullout plan, has signaled recently that it will

allow Israel to expand existing West Bank settlements, while remaining opposed to construction in undeveloped areas. In the past, Washington has objected to all settlement construction.

The Palestinians have said the shift threatens prospects for peace and demanded a clarification from Washington. The Palestinians object to all settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, where they hope to establish an independent state.

Israel captured the area in the 1967 Mideast war. Today, more than 230,000 settlers live in Jewish settlements, the vast majority of them in the West Bank.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia accused Israel of escalating tensions on Monday.

"While it is talking about evacuating settlements in Gaza, it is expanding all settlements in the West Bank," Qureia said.

"This will not bring about stability nor will it bring peace."

Under the Israeli plan, the country could build more than 500 housing units in existing settlements — in addition to 1,000 units announced last week.



A Palestinian laborer works Sunday at a construction site of new residences in a West Bank Jewish settlement, Beitur Illit. Palestinian officials on Sunday accused the United States of harming prospects for Mideast peace after the latest indications that Washington is ready to accept some Israeli expansion of West Bank settlements.

The Israel Lands Authority — responsible for some West Bank lands — plans to lease land to contractors who will build 300 units in the Jerusalem suburbs of Har Adar and Har Gilo next year, spokeswoman Ortal Tzabar said Monday. She noted that the projects still need Defense Ministry approval, which is expected.

The Defense Ministry has approved construction of an additional 232 units in Adam and Emmanuel, settlements deeper in-

side the West Bank. But the Housing Ministry has decided not to go ahead with the projects for now, said Kobi Bleich, a ministry spokesman.

In a separate development, Defense Ministry official Danny Tirza, one of the planners of the separation barrier, told Israeli lawmakers that Israel will spend \$6.6 million rerouting a 40-mile stretch of the structure from the Jewish settlement of Elkana to Jerusalem.

## Human rights in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — The head of Europe's foremost human rights watchdog and Kosovo's top U.N. administrator signed two agreements Monday, calling for the protection of minorities and prevention of torture in the ethnically tense province.

Council of Europe Secretary-General Walter Schwimmer and U.N. administrator Sven Jesen-Petersen signed the documents, which apply the council's human rights treaties in Kosovo.

The agreements also foresee monitoring the implementation of the council's human rights principles in Kosovo, officials said.

The agreement on the prevention of torture will allow a committee of experts to examine the treatment of prisoners by the U.N. mission in Kosovo.

"The signing of the two agreements ... confirms that the people of Kosovo must enjoy the same rights and protections as all European citizens," said Schwimmer.

Kosovo, which officially remains part of Serbia-Montenegro — the union that replaced Yugoslavia — has been administered by the U.N. mission and NATO-led peacekeepers for the last five years.

The United Nations holds the ultimate political authority in Kosovo. It began administering the disputed province in mid-1999, after a NATO air war against former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic ended a Serb crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

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## IN THE STAGES

# Senator's intel plan draws wary response

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Officials reacted warily to a proposal by key Republican senators to transfer the nation's major intelligence gathering from the CIA and the Pentagon to control by a new director.

The warmest response, in fact, came from the camp of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. His national security adviser, Rand Beers, welcomed the plan and described it as very similar to Kerry's.

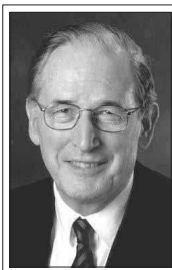
But even Beers said the proposal needed bipartisan support and leadership from President Bush, whom he said was "resisting any real changes."

The White House was less committed about the proposal, announced unexpectedly Sunday by Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"We look forward to reviewing the details of Sen. Roberts' proposal," said White House spokesman Brian Benschneider. "We have taken nothing off the table."

Intelligence officials, speaking anonymously because of the political sensitivity, called the plan a step back from greater interagency cooperation. One said that rather than eliminating barriers between agencies, "it smashes them apart."

Roberts offered the most sweep-



Sen. Jay Rockefeller  
D-W.Va.

*"Disbanding and scattering the Central Intelligence Agency at such a crucial time would be a severe mistake."*

ing reorganization proposal by anyone since the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks called for major changes. He acknowledged that details had yet to be shared with the White House or Senate Democrats.

"We didn't pay attention to turf or agencies or boxes" but rather to "what are the national security threats that face this country today," Roberts said of the proposals supported by eight Republicans on the intelligence committee. "I'm trying to build a consensus around something that's very different and very bold."

But Roberts immediately ran into resistance. Interviewed with Roberts on Sunday, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said, "It's a mis-

take to begin with a partisan bill no matter what is in it."

In a statement released late Sunday to the top Democrat on the Senate intelligence panel, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, complained that he had yet to see the details. However, he said, "Disbanding and scattering the Central Intelligence Agency at such a crucial time would be a severe mistake."

And former CIA Director George Tenet called the proposal another episode in the "mad rush to new chain assets" — a proposal reflects a dangerous misunderstanding of the business of intelligence," Tenet said Monday.

The Sept. 11 commission called for a new national intelligence di-



*"This proposal reflects a dangerous misunderstanding of the business of intelligence."*

George Tenet  
Former CIA director

rector with power to force the nation's many agencies to cooperate.

So far, the debate has focused on how much power to give that official, rather than on retreating existing agencies.

Most Democrats support the commission's view that the new director should have authority over hiring and spending by the intelligence agencies. Bush has endorsed creating the position but has not said what powers it should have.

Roberts would put the CIA's three main directorates — Operations, which runs intelligence collection and covert actions; Intelligence, which analyzes intelligence reports; and Science and

Technology — into three new, separate and renamed agencies, each reporting to a separate assistant national intelligence director.

It also would remove three of the largest intelligence agencies from the Pentagon.

Although the measure would essentially dismantle the CIA, Roberts said in a paper he released: "We are not abolishing the CIA. We are reordering and renaming its three major elements."

"No one agency, no matter how distinguished its history, is more important than U.S. national security," the paper said.

Associated Press writer Katherine Pfeiffer Shrader contributed to this report.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.2573
British pound	\$1.86
Japanese yen (Aug. 25)	107.00
S. Korean won (Aug. 25)	1125.50

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
British pound	\$1.8179
Canada (Dollar)	0.6752
Denmark (Krone)	0.1350
Egypt (Pound)	0.2531
Euro	\$1.2307
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7981
Hungary (Forint)	204.29
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,339
Israel (Shekel)	4.838
Japan (Yen)	107.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946
Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.3400
Philippines (Peso)	55.77
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.47
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7887
S. Korea (Won)	1125.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.46
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,588.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military exchange facilities in the country of issuance only. South Korea's exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany) with your local exchange rate facility. Commercial rates are interest rates provided for reference only when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars to euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$469.40
Silver	\$6.68

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.50
Discount rate	2.50
3-month market rate	1.50
3-month bill	1.470
30-day T-bill	1.502

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

## Cents and Sensibility

### Money tip of the day

## Avoid asset bloating

Morningstar.com

Morningstar's fund analysts seem to be talking more and more about asset bloat these days. That's the phenomenon that occurs when funds get so big that the portfolio manager can't put all the money to work using the fund's preferred investment style. Morningstar analysts keep an eye out for bloated funds, and we often call on large funds to close to new investment to prevent degraded performance or style shift.

When analysts look for asset bloat, the first two things we look for are style shift and a growing roster of holdings.

Next on the list would be rising levels of cash in the portfolio.

Often, managers have a tough time putting a fund's entire asset base to work, so they let cash pile up.

Usually this happens for two reasons, sometimes simultaneously: Assets are flowing in quickly and heavily, or management can't find enough of the right types of stocks to buy. Letting cash build up isn't a prob-

lem per se, but in extreme cases, a problem we call "cash stashing" occurs. That's when already large funds remain open, building a big pile of cash. Given that investors pay an expense ratio that covers all assets — not just the invested portion of a fund — cash stashing serves investors poorly in our view.

It's a bit difficult to find a whole roster of funds that suffer from general asset bloat, but it's relatively easy to locate cash stashing. Judging whether a fund has a bloated asset base demands lots of historical information. You can't simply sit at current asset size to judge whether a fund has gotten too big.

You've got to examine how a fund has grown and shifted over time. In other words, you have to look at each fund individually.

But cash stashing is a bit easier to spot. You look for big, open funds with large cash stashes.

To be really precise, you might look at a specific category and only look for funds that have an asset base twice the average size and an above-average estate coupled with above-average expenses.

## New 9/11 report details immigration failures

WASHINGTON — A new report from the now-defunct Sept. 11 commission details the lax controls on immigration and customs that the hijackers exploited to carry out their plot.

The report, compiled by the commission's staff, says 13 of the 19 hijackers applying for visas presented passports that were less than three weeks old, yet their visa applications were met with no increased scrutiny.

Two of the hijackers, the report said, lied on their applications "in detectable ways" but were not questioned about those lies. And all 19 of the hijackers' applications had data fields left blank, or were incomplete in some other way. Three of the hijackers were carrying Saudi passports "containing a possible extremist indicator" present in the passports of all al-Qaida members, the report said.

## Pledge case won't be reopened

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused Monday to reopen a case challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance and its reference to God in public schools.

California atheist Michael Newdow had asked the justices to consider overturning their June ruling. The court ruled then that he could not legally represent his 10-year-old daughter in the case because he does not have full custody of the girl. The court declined without comment.

Newdow wants the words "under God" removed from the pledge. He told justices in a filing last month that he had spent six years to keep his daughter from being told at school "that her father's religious beliefs are wrong, unworthy and inferior."

## Health-care workers strike

SEATTLE — About 1,700 nurses and other health-care workers began a five-day strike Monday against Group Health Cooperative — one of the nation's oldest HMOs — over the cost of their own health benefits.

Nurses, medical assistants, therapists and others represented by Service Employees International Union Local 1199 began striking at 18 clinics in western Washington. The strike is scheduled to end Friday at midnight.

The two sides failed to reach a compromise last week.

From The Associated Press

# Bush urges end to independent attack ads

## Kerry campaign feared repeat of Bush's lack of action in 2000 attack on Sen. McCain

By PETE YOST  
The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush on Monday denounced campaign commercials aired by outside groups, including an ad that accuses John Kerry of lying about his combat record in Vietnam.

"That ad and every other ad" run by such groups have no place in the campaign, Bush said when

asked about the commercial sponsored by Swift Boat Veterans For Truth that has roiled the race for the White House.

The group said it would not stop its new

anti-Kerry ad, which will start running in three states this week.

"It was John Kerry who decided to make his military service the centerpiece of his presiden-



A video released Saturday by Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry's campaign compares the controversy over Kerry's Vietnam service to attacks on John McCain during the 2000 Republican primaries.

tial campaign," said the group's founder, retired Navy Adm. Roy Hoffman.

Bush, asked directly whether his Democratic rival for the presidency had lied, said, "I think Sen. Kerry served admirably and he ought to be proud of his record."

The president made his comments as the Kerry campaign fought back against charges made by the outside group about the senator's wartime service in Vietnam for which he received five medals.

In a conference call with report-

ers arranged by aides to the Democratic presidential candidate, Navy swift boat officers Rich McCain, Jim Russell and Rich Baker said Kerry acted honorably and bravely and was well qualified to be the nation's commander in chief.

"He was the most aggressive officer in charge of swift boats," Baker said.

The anti-Kerry ad, no longer running but much publicized in news accounts, says Kerry didn't deserve his Purple Hearts, led to get his Bronze Star and Silver Star and unfairly branded all veterans with his 1971 congressional testimony about atrocities in Vietnam.

With polls suggesting Kerry's standing was beginning to slip — at least among veterans — the Democratic last week called on Bush to call for the attack ads to be pulled from the air. He also accused Bush of allowing from groups to "do his dirty work."

Bush's campaign has denied any connection with the anti-Kerry group, and called on the Democratic challenger to join the president in a call for out-

side groups to pull their ads.

Underscoring the impact of the anti-Kerry ad, the Democratic National Committee began airing a commercial last week that offered a testimonial to Kerry's fitness for national command. In addition, Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona has said the anti-Kerry tactics are the same kind used on him and asked the president to denounce them.

A former Vietnam prisoner of war, McCain lost the South Carolina Republican primary in 2000 after Bush supporters accused him of opposing legislation to help military veterans. McCain never recovered from that loss.

Former Sen. Bob Dole, a World War II veteran and 1996 Republican presidential nominee, suggested Kerry apologize for his 1971 testimony to Congress about atrocities U.S. soldiers allegedly committed in Vietnam.

Dole, who has a disabled right arm from war wounds, said Kerry received an early cast from combat for "superficial wounds." He called on the nominee to release all of his Vietnam service records.

# America debates likely effects of new overtime rules

By LEIGH STROPE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Paychecks could grow or shrink for a few or for millions of workers across the country starting Monday, when sweeping changes to the nation's overtime pay rules took effect.

There is little agreement by the Bush administration, employer groups, labor experts and others on how many workers will gain or lose the right to overtime pay under the new rules in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"To be candid, no one knows," said Jerry Hunter, a labor lawyer at Bryan Cave LLP in St. Louis and former general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board during the first Bush administration.

Employers have sought changes for decades, complaining the regulations were ambiguous and

out of date, and questioning why highly paid professionals should get overtime pay. Labor unions, however, say the new rules are intended to reduce employers' costs by cutting the number of workers who are eligible for overtime pay.

Estimates of how many workers will lose their overtime eligibility range from 107,000 to 6 million. Workers who could become newly eligible range from very few to 1.3 million.

"Not only is the Labor Department unsure, but a lot of people in a lot of industries are unsure," Hunter said. "This is all very fluid right now."

The major overhaul, the first in more than half a century, is aimed at mostly white-collar workers. The Labor Department says manual laborers and other blue-collar workers will not be affected.

The new rules are intended to limit workers' multimillion-dollar

lawsuits, many of them successful, claiming they were cheated out of overtime pay for working more than 40 hours a week.

Whether the new rules will reduce litigation is questionable, experts said. Lawyers representing workers have found the suits lucrative.

"This has become a very big area of plaintiffs' employment law, and it is not simply going to go away because of these new regulations," Bill Schurgin, a labor lawyer in the Chicago office of Seyfarth Shaw.

Critics say the changes will eliminate overtime for millions of middle-class Americans struggling in a weak jobs market.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao has created a task force that will be looking very closely and critically at any reclassifications that result in workers losing their overtime status," said Steven Law, deputy secretary.

## Edwards knocks Bush's plan

The Associated Press

RACINE, Wis. — John Edwards chose the almost evenly divided state of Wisconsin to tout the Democratic presidential ticket's economic plans and criticize the Bush administration's new rules for overtime pay.

"Today, millions of workers will find out that instead of getting time-and-a-half, they're going to get a hard time from their government," the vice presidential nominee said in prepared remarks as the rules took effect Monday. "More than 60 years of protecting overtime have been wiped out with the stroke of this president's pen."

The overhaul rewrites rules for awarding overtime pay for the first time in more than half a cen-

tury. Employers sought the changes for decades, complaining that the rules were too confusing and out of date.

The changes affect mostly white-collar workers, and the Labor Department says manual laborers and other blue-collar workers won't be affected. The estimates of how many workers might see their pay change vary widely.

Edwards and presidential nominee John Kerry predict the changes mean smaller paychecks for millions and predict workers like teachers and computer programmers could see their pay shrink.

"Taking away the right to overtime pay and doing nothing while paychecks shrink and jobs go overseas makes sense only to someone who does not understand American values and does not respect what we mean in this country," Edwards said.

The Bush-Cheney campaign said the Democrats have distorted the president's record and that the new rules will grant overtime pay to some workers not now eligible.

"This attack is another example of the Kerry campaign trying to mislead American workers," said spokesman Matt McDonald.



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# Tank crew felled by surprise attack in Najaf

BY EDMUND SANDERS  
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NAJAF, Iraq — To his buddies, 2nd Lt. Mike Goins looked indestructible atop his Abrams tank as he maneuvered through Najaf's besieged cemetery.

His command of the 69-ton machine in the maze-like graveyard led a superior to dub the 6-foot-3-inch soldier his "killer tank."

"He loved that tank and believed he was invincible in it," said Capt. Kevin Badger, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment. "He believed his training and his equipment could defeat the enemy."

But a week ago, Goins and his loader, Spc. Mark Zapata, fell victim to a surprise attack that stunned soldiers at the military base here for both its simplicity and audacity. A member of rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi militia quietly scaled the back of the tank in broad daylight with an AK-47, shot the men at point-blank range through the open hatch, and fled.

Both soldiers were killed. The attack exposed one of the tank's few vulnerabilities and served as a reminder of the urban warfare risks U.S. soldiers face as they fight al-Sadr's followers in Najaf.

**'They found our vulnerability and took advantage,' officer says of brazen assault that left two dead**

After a memorial service, Goins' grieving buddies couldn't help but ponder the circumstances of his death.

"We learned some hard lessons," Badger said. "I know he's up there now shaking his head saying, 'I can't believe that's the way I went.'"

Goins, 23, joined the Mad Dogs around Christmas, just before the unit shipped out to Kuwait. A muscular 230 pounds, he made an instant impression.

"He was a big boy," Badger said. "When he walked into the room, you knew it."

Soldiers nicknamed him "Big Country" for his fondness for wearing a tall Stetson. "He loved that hat," said Staff Sgt. Frank Fitzgerald.

Goins studied Arabic on the computer and asked his wife, Paula, in Coppas Cove, Texas, to send language tapes. He wanted to learn enough to chat with children he met in Baghdad, where the Mad Dogs were based before transferring to Najaf this month.

During the first battles in the cemetery, Goins proved an ag-

gressive fighter.

"He never wanted to back down," said Pfc. Juan Roque, driver of the tank that Goins commanded.

During one clash, sniper fire

*On Aug. 15, 2nd Lt. Mike Goins and Spc. Mark Zapata were manning a tank on the west side of a Najaf cemetery, their upper bodies sticking out of the open hatch. As the soldiers were looking forward, a Mahdi militiaman climbed up the back of the tank.*

hit the tank and knocked a small shard of metal into Goins' hand. "He was so mad. He couldn't believe they made him bleed," 1st Lt. Christopher Dunn said.

At Goins' side in the tank last week was Zapata, 27, of Edinburg, Texas.

Zapata's real passion was firefighting, his buddies said. He'd

been a volunteer firefighter since he was 12. Back in Texas, he kept his firefighting gear — a jacket and walkie-talkie — alongside his Army uniform and had rigged the horn on his jeep to sound like a fire alarm.

He, too, was studying Arabic and was interested in learning more about Arab music. One of his hobbies was mixing Spanish music.

"I used to talk about him to my parents," said Pfc. Jesus Ramirez. "They were just asking me about him the other day. But I couldn't tell them what happened. I don't know how I'm going to tell them."

On Aug. 15, Goins and Zapata were manning the tank on the west side of the cemetery, where members of al-Sadr's militia had been storing weapons and launching attacks.

At a time of relative calm, the pair worked atop the tank, their upper bodies sticking out of the open hatch. Two other soldiers, including Roque, sat inside the tank.

Then, the tank crew saw a flash of gunfire straight ahead in the dense landscape of tombs and crypts. As the soldiers were looking forward, the Mahdi militiaman climbed up the back of the tank, Roque said.

Roque said he heard gunshots and then a scream from Zapata. He thought someone's gun had accidentally discharged. But then he saw a figure jump forward from the top of the tank and run through the graveyard.

"I don't know how you can get us out of here, but get us out of here," the tank gunner yelled at Roque.

Roque slammed the tank in reverse and crashed into a small mausoleum. Not sure what had happened, the two soldiers grabbed their guns and radioed for help.

Zapata died on the way to the base hospital. Goins was declared dead shortly after he was returned to the base.

Military officials say they have taken steps to reduce soldiers' vulnerability to similar attacks. Blind spots in tanks are now watched by soldiers on foot and in vehicles. In addition, tank hatches are closed in the cemetery.

"They found our vulnerability and took advantage of it," said Lt. Col. Myles Miyamasu, commander of the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment. "But we've fixed it. It won't happen again."

## For Iraq troops, it's the delivery that refreshes

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

NAJAF, Iraq — The ice men cometh to Camp David. Staff Sgt. Reginald Harrington and Sgt. James Barton of Company B, 215th Forward Support Battalion, are some of the most popular soldiers at this camp on the southern outskirts of Najaf.

They're in charge of the large, white Army truck that brings 12 tons of ice to soldiers throughout the area.

"M1 (A2 Abrams) — tankers — get four bags. Bradleys up to seven bags and Humvees get five bags," Harrington said. "It lasts about three days, then we go back to Camp Duke to resupply."

Spc. Arthy Shilling, Pfc. Luis Tristan and Spc. Gary Price loaded the ice bags into the back of their M113 armored personnel carrier during a stop at the camp to pick up dinner for their fellow soldiers in Company A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry.

The ice, they said, is appreciated.

"Oh, hell yeah," said Shilling. "It's cooling, it refreshes the minds. You'll see morale go down when the ice man isn't there."

"We've been up here at least two weeks now," Harrington said. "We'll be here until the end of the mission, whenever that is."

But Harrington and Barton don't deliver ice only.

Shilling stood by his vehicle, sipping an alcohol-free Budweiser that Harrington tossed out of the truck.

"He's a frequent customer," said Harrington. "I try to go a little further and give the soldiers something else. I brought ice cream two days ago."

Harrington and Barton always have cold, alcohol-free beer, water or Gatorade on hand. If a soldier asks for something special, Harrington said they'll try to get it, such as a recent request for some grapes.



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Staff Sgt. Reginald Harrington, on the truck, waits for another bag of ice to toss down to Spc. Gary Price, center, and Pfc. Luis Tristan, both M113 armored personnel carrier crew members, at Camp David in Najaf, Iraq. Harrington and Spc. James Barton pass out ice to grateful soldiers in the Najaf area.

"When you say it's for the troops forward, they'll give it to us," said Harrington about the military and civilian workers at Camp Duke.

Making the soldiers cold and happy, Harrington said, makes his job enjoyable.

"They want ice and I hand them a cold bottle of water or a beer and say 'Hey, here's your cold one,'" Harrington said. "They take three or four minutes to relax, it's the least I can do."

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## OPINION

## Kerry would spare us from needless wars ...

BY JOHN B. QUIGLEY

**I**s John Kerry enhancing his Vietnam war record to make himself into a hero that he wasn't? Pro-Kerry veterans sing his praises and laud his military valor. But TV ads by other veterans who served near Kerry in Vietnam raise questions about his actions there and about his veracity.

A book just released spells out the charges. One of the co-authors is "Unfit for Command." Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry" is John O'Neill, who took command of Kerry's boat when Kerry left Vietnam.

The anti-Kerry veterans say Kerry exaggerated his injuries and heroism to get medals and then used his exploits to launch a political career. Kerry's three Purple Hearts, so the criticism goes, were gotten for minor wounds, and a Silver Star by shooting a Vietnamese teenager in the back when it was not necessary.

Kerry is castigated for a 1986 statement that on Christmas 1968 he was being shot at on the border waters between Cambodia and Vietnam.

The critics say Kerry could not have been at that location. They are also incensed over his claim that some of the swift boaters committed atrocities against Vietnamese civilians.

Jerome Corsi, the other co-author of "Unfit for Command," hides Kerry for a photograph of him that changes in a museum in Hanoi, China (see sidebar, Saigon). Corsi concludes from the photograph that the Vietnamese saw Kerry as an ally

against the United States. But the photograph dates from 1993, when Kerry and other U.S. officials visited Vietnam as diplomatic relations were being restored. The photograph has nothing to do with Kerry's earlier opposition to the Vietnam War.

This is where the criticism gets confused. Are the swift boat veterans criticizing him for portraying himself as more of a hero than he was, or for opposing the war after he left Vietnam? If Kerry was hyping himself to launch a political career, why did he come out against the war? If Kerry was exaggerating wartime exploits to political advantage, why, during a protest action, did he throw back his medals? Kerry testified against the war in Congress in 1971. "How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" he famously asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Denouncing the Vietnam War in 1971 was not calculated to catapult you into a political career. It put you outside the mainstream. It got you investigated by the FBI. Vietnam Veterans Against the War, with whom Kerry carried out antiwar activity, was no stepping stone to politics.

The anti-Kerry veterans may be genuinely upset that Kerry charged that he and others committed atrocities. Most of Kerry's critics probably committed no atrocities themselves.

At the Democratic convention, Kerry said he would use our military abroad only when necessary. What Kerry draws from his Vietnam experience is that wars should be fought only when they have to be fought. At a time when the public is ques-



tioning a president who wages war for reasons that change when a prior reason is shown to be false, that message is healthy. Parents don't want their children to die in combat for a mistake.

The swift boat veterans are saying that Kerry is "unfit for command" based on his combat record and his portrayal of it. The critical issue in the presidential campaign

is not what Kerry did in Vietnam, or what he said about it. It is what our military will do over the next four years. Will it be used to defend the country? Or will it be used for wars we don't need?

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## ... Yet his clouded service in Vietnam is telling

BY CHUCK GREEN

DENVER

**T**he principal debate between George W. Bush and John F. Kerry, as framed primarily by

Kerry at last month's Democratic National Convention, is about who best can be America's commander in chief.

Only one man has a record to run on — George Bush. John Kerry has never been the commander-in-chief.

Kerry's best argument that he would make the superior commander-in-chief is based on his four-month tour of duty in Vietnam in the late 1960s — a remarkably brief tour when most servicemen didn't rotate home until serving at least a year "in country."

As most Americans now know — or certainly should know if they are paying attention — Kerry requested release from his duty in Vietnam under a provision that allows disengagement for anyone who has accumulated three Purple Hearts.

Kerry qualified because he had three, even though all three were from minor wounds — including one compared to the prick of a rose thorn — that didn't require more than an hour or two of medical attention combined.

Nevertheless, his record qualified him for release from duty in Vietnam, and he took advantage of the situation.

Thousands of servicemen serving in Vietnam sustained injuries more serious than Kerry's and refused to accept Purple Hearts because they didn't consider their sacrifices to be worthy of that special recognition. They believed that to accept a Purple Heart for their minor hurts, despite the fine print, would dishonor the award. As they saw comrades fall to amputated

limbs, blindness and other disabling injuries, they weren't going to claim equality for a scratch or two.

And thousands more who sustained injuries serious enough to be hospitalized for days and weeks were patched up and returned to their battle stations — not asking for return to stateside after a couple of months of duty.

The truth trumps about what happened to Kerry during his swift boat experience probably never will be known. A few witnesses say he was heroic and deserved his medals. Others, who were involved in the same missions and only yards away from Kerry's boat, say his "heroic" war status is undeserved.

What's important is that the debate is vigorous and healthy, and those of us who were not there will have to come to our own conclusions.

But that's not the only measure of who can best serve as commander in chief. Kerry has a long record of votes on military issues in the United States, and it compares unfavorably with Bush's three-year record as the actual commander in chief — under fire.

Even to this day, Kerry is demonstrating that he is unfit for the role.

Earlier this month Kerry pledged to begin withdrawing American troops from Iraq within six months of taking office. That may be sensitive, but it is wrongheaded.

Virtually any military commander would acknowledge — and many have these past few weeks — that it is folly to tell your enemy when you are going to quit the fight.

If the insurgents in Iraq know in November that president-elect Kerry will begin

disengaging our troops in a few months, they will simply declare victory and wait it out. For our enemies in Iraq, there will be cause for dancing in the streets on Nov. 3.

The confusion over Kerry's service in Vietnam is not in itself the basis to judge his fitness for command in the White House. But it is an important piece of the puzzle, and the fact that it is clouded is relevant.

His unwarranted attack on the integrity of his comrades after returning from Vietnam, his years of votes in Congress, and his recent statements about policies toward Iraq help complete the picture.

By comparison, Bush's record — as our real commander in chief — stands in sharp and distinguished contrast.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Dog mauled to death

**ME** WALES — No one knows for sure what creature it was that crept out of the darkness behind Leo Michaud's home and attacked his 16-year-old Doberman pinscher, ripping her head open.

The Doberman, named Dutchess, had to be put down after the mauling.

That day, Michaud found a den near Dutchess' doghouse that he believes was home to her attacker.

"It looked like a wolvenine," he said.

Experts, however, say that's unlikely. Wolverines are known to thrive in Canada, but not Maine. And while they are known to scarp with larger animals, a wolvenine going toe-to-toe with a Doberman would be extremely unusual.

Maj. Thomas Santaguida of the Maine Warden Service is almost certain the animal that killed Dutchess was not a wolvenine. His prime suspect is a smaller but even nastier creature common in the Maine woods: the fisher.

Still, Michaud is nervous. He said something vicious may be living behind his mobile home just off Route 126.

## More tourists get sick

**OH** PUT-IN-BAY — Health officials said they have confirmed more than 100 additional cases of an illness that's causing cramps, diarrhea, nausea, fever and chills among visitors to this resort area.

The number of people suffering from the gastrointestinal illness has risen to 510, up from 378 documented cases, Ohio Department of Health spokesman Jay Carey said. Interviews with 168 more people are pending, he said.

Investigators from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are helping county and state officials in their attempt to pinpoint the cause of the illness on Lake Erie's South Bass Island, sometimes called the "Key West of the Midwest."

The Ohio Department of Health has confirmed cases of salmonella, norovirus and campylobacter among the victims, said spokesman Christopher Weiss.

All three germs have symptoms that match the outbreak.

Campylobacter is one of the most common bacterial causes of diarrhea and is usually caused by eating or handling undercooked or raw chicken, according to the CDC.

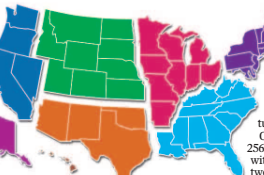
## Spruce goes to D.C.

**VA** RICHMOND — A 65-foot red spruce will be felled in the George Washington National Forest to rise again as the holiday tree at the U.S. Capitol.

Matthew Evans, landscape architect for the Capitol, selected the spruce from Highland County as the first Virginia tree to grace the Capitol lawn.

Evans said the sturdy tree will be required to shoulder about 10,000 lights and 5,000 oversized ornaments crafted by the state's schoolchildren.

A massive tree has stood in front of the Capitol each Christmas since 1964.



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Last year's tree was cut in Idaho, and the previous year's in Oregon.

The Virginia tree's current location is being kept secret to thwart potential poachers. It will be cut in November.

On Dec. 6, the tree is due to arrive in Washington.

## Inmate had tuberculosis

**MO** KANSAS CITY — An inmate passed through three county jails and a state prison before officials diagnosed him with tuberculosis, possibly infecting nearly 50 other people, according to a report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At least 47 people who had contact with the infected prisoner in 2002 tested positive for the disease, the report said.

Officials cannot confirm that those who tested positive were infected by the inmate, but they are using the case to urge states to adopt tighter controls on sick prisoners.

In January 2002, the 36-year-old man turned himself in on a warrant. He spent three days in one jail and seven weeks in a second jail, where medical personnel diagnosed his condition as asthma.

He got out of jail in March 2002 but was arrested again in June and bounced between two jails, neither

of which looked into his condition.

In August 2002, he was sent to the state prison, where he spent at least six weeks among the general population before medical personnel determined he suffered from tuberculosis.

Officials said they tested 256 people, finding 47 infected with the disease, including two inmates who shared a cell with the infected man.

Tuberculosis, at one time a virtual death sentence, is now easily treated with a six- to nine-month regimen of medicines.

## Senior survives heat

**TX** LUFKIN — An 89-year-old woman fell outside her house while trying to set out her trash and apparently survived three days of heat — not to mention thunderstorms one day — before neighbors found her lying in the grass, police said.

"She's a pretty tough lady to withstand all that," police Lt. Mike Shapaka said.

Percy Lee Mantooth, covered with fire ants, was conscious when emergency responders arrived at the home, the Lufkin Daily News reported.

An accumulation of four newspapers on Mantooth's driveway prompted neighbors Charlie and Marie Harber to check on her.

The Harbers said they were upset that they didn't notice sooner that something was awry.

"She's very independent," Marie Harber said of her neighbor.

"She's told us before, 'If I need you, I'll call.'"

## 5-year-old boy shot

**NY** NEW YORK — Nine people, including a 5-year-old boy, were wounded when gunfire erupted in the Bronx, police said.

All of the victims were in stable condition.

The shooting happened on Adece Avenue in the Allerton section. Eight people were taken to Jacobi Medical Center in stable condition, police said. A ninth victim, a 5-year-old boy, was taken by private means to Montefiore Medical Center in stable condition.

No arrests had been made.

## Weapons confiscated

**FL** MIAMI — Boxes of guns fell from the false ceiling of a storage unit, crashed into a toilet and ruptured a water pipe, leading authorities to uncover an alleged plot to sell the weapons to arm opposing sides in Colombia's civil war.

Five defendants from Miami-Dade County pleaded innocent to charges of firearms sales and exports to Venezuela, where prosecutors say the weapons were to be sold to left-wing Colombian rebels and right-wing paramilitary groups. A sixth defendant, from Homestead, is a fugitive.

Investigators confiscated 55 firearms, including 20 automatic guns, 19 rifles and nine handguns, from the storage unit. They also seized more than 206,000 rounds of ammunition.

Authorities say the motive of the alleged conspiracy was profits, not politics. If convicted, each defendant could face at least 10 years in prison.



Whoa there!

Three-year-old Vaughn Betancourt of Manassas, Va., tries to keep a hold of his Great Dane, Jake, at the end of a dog contest at the Prince William County Fair.



Melon mania

Kindergartner Anna Gaiche munches on watermelon during a back-to-school event at her school in Olathe, Kan.

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## Back to school

Kids return to class after lunch break on the first day of school at Coral Glades High School in Coral Springs, Fla.





## Offroading

Ronald Warren, 12, of Bremerton, Wash., cools off after football practice by riding his bike into the cool waters at the boat ramp at Lions Park.



## Family outing

An Amish family walks hand in hand across the street to attend the morning events at the annual Intercourse, Pa., Community Days Celebration. Food, music and an auction highlight the days activities in rural Lancaster County.



## Snapshot of history

Fair in Louisville, Ky.

Lynda Jackson of Morganfield, Ky., makes a picture of the head from a statue of ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein at the Kentucky State

## Man gets time for murder

**PA** YORK — A man convicted of killing his girlfriend and telling police it was a suicide was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in state prison.

James H. Winter, 42, was given the maximum sentence by President Judge John H. Chronister of York Common Pleas Court.

Winter had pleaded guilty in May to third-degree murder.

Police found Susan Leaf, 46, lying on her back on the living room couch, a 9mm semiautomatic handgun leaning against her left upper arm and a bullet wound to the upper right side of her head. Winter told investigators he stepped out of the room to fix himself a drink and heard a gunshot.

But forensic testing revealed gunpowder residue on Winter's T-shirt and shorts, and he later told police he drank almost a fifth of rum before killing Leaf and setting the scene as a suicide.

First Assistant District Attorney Timothy Barker said Leaf's family concurred with the plea agreement.

## Police chief does good

**TX** DALLAS — New Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle may spend a lot of time in meetings, but he still knows how to work the streets.

A Dallas school district employee saw a district truck being stolen and flagged down a uniformed police officer for help. The officer was Kunkle, who said he routinely drives through neighborhoods to get a sense of what's going on.

Kunkle radioed for marked patrol cars, which followed the stolen truck to a grocery store parking lot, where the unidentified female driver was captured.

Kunkle, who took the helm of the 2,900-member department in June, said he didn't give chase because department policy restricts the use of unmarked vehicles in police pursuits.

"The officers did a great job," Kunkle told The Dallas Morning News. "They managed the pursuit well. The arrest was handled professionally. It was really impressive to watch how they did their work."

## Man blamed for crash

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A man was to blame when he ran a red light and hit a Berkeley, Calif., police motorcycle officer who had been struck once before, authorities said.

On June 2, the 54-year-old Danville man ran a light and hit Officer Ben Cardozo, the California Highway Patrol said. The officer was not seriously injured.

The motorist likely will not be cited because the CHP did not witness the crash, said a CHP spokeswoman.

## 52 arrested in drug bust

**FL** TAMPA — Police arrested 52 people in a drug bust in which cocaine was transported aboard Carnival cruise ships from Jamaica to New Orleans and then driven to Tampa, police said.

An investigation that began with a \$10 crack cocaine deal turned into this city's largest drug bust, po-

lice said.

Police made the arrests after raiding a public housing community. Officers found guns, drugs and cash, police said.

The drugs were shipped from Honduras to Jamaica before being taken aboard the cruise ships, police said.

Tampa police Maj. George McNamara said the suspected kingpin was responsible for delivering about \$500,000 worth of crack cocaine to street-level dealers every month. He was one of the people arrested.

McNamara said officials have evidence including video surveillance showing the suspects selling drugs to undercover officers.

Carnival said it is cooperating with the investigation.

## Couple let dog attack kids

**OR** HILLSBORO — A couple face at least three years in prison for disciplining their young children by letting their part-pit bull dog attack them.

Joyce Hoskins, 47, and David Hoskins, 46, pleaded guilty to three counts each of assault and were being held without bail.

Investigators said the couple disciplined their 8-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son by allowing their dog, Nigel — a mix of pit bull terrier, Doberman pinscher, German shepherd and Labrador retriever — to attack them.

The attacks took place over two years and both children suffered bites that required treatment, investigators said. The children are now in foster homes and the dog has been euthanized.

Judge Marco Hernandez said he would sentence Joyce Hoskins to no more than three years, two months because she has limited mental capacities. Deputy District Attorney Andrew Erwin said he would argue for a longer sentence for David Hoskins.

Sentencing was set for Sept. 23.

## Boulder kills young boy

**VA** APPALACHIA — State mining officials are investigating the death of a 3-year-old boy who was crushed when a half-ton boulder crashed through his bedroom wall as he slept.

The boulder rumbled into Jeremy Kyle Davidson's house, crushing the child, then continuing into his brother's bedroom, the Wise County Sheriff's Office said.

Jeremy's brother was not injured.

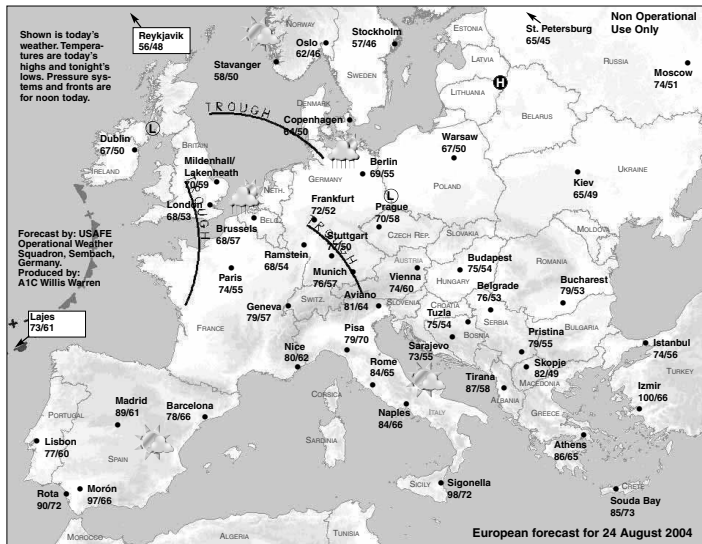
The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy ruled out blasting by a mining company, A&G Coal Corp., for loosening the boulder. The company is building a road near a strip mine in this Jefferson National Forest community.

Mining investigators and sheriff's deputies blocked off the area and evacuated two other homes until the company could remove any loose rocks or other material that remained. Residents were allowed to return to their homes.

The sheriff's office referred questions to Mike Abbot, spokesman for the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, who could not immediately be reached.

An investigation is expected to continue.

Stories and photos from wire services



## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy with rain-showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s, Wednesday lows in the upper 50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to low 70s, Wednesday lows in the low to upper 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid 70s, Wednesday lows in the mid 50s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s to low 80s, Wednesday lows in the mid 50s to low 60s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to low 70s, Wednesday lows in the low to mid 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 70s, Wednesday lows in the low to upper 50s.

**Hungary:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s, Wednesday lows in the mid 50s

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, Wednesday lows in the mid 60s to low 70s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s, Wednesday lows in the mid 60s.

**Kosovo:** Partly to mostly cloudy.  
Highs in the upper 70s, Wednesday

**Norway:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s to low 60s, Wednesday

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to upper 90s.

**Turkey:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s

to low 100s, Wednesday lows in the upper 50s to low 70s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at:

<https://ows.sembach.af.mil>  
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## AFRICA

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Dakar	90	77	Nairobi	76	5
Freetown	81	75	Rabat	91	7

## THE WORLD

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Amsterdam	65	60	Manila	89	71
Bahrain	101	87	Mexico City	78	52
Beijing	84	67	Montreal	74	55
Beirut	86	75	Riyadh	106	85
Bermuda	85	73	Rio de Jan	85	69
Caracas	78	58	Seoul	85	69
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## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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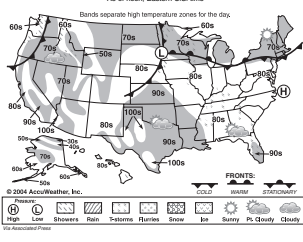
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Sunset (Baghdad)	7:38	7:37
Sunset (Frankfurt)	8:26	8:24

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## FACES 'N' PLACES

# I have fallen in love with acting again'

## Mickey Rourke makes peace with life, career

BY ROBERTO SANTIAGO  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**M**ickey Rourke's soul is in Miami. It's home. It's where his family is. It's where he is able to make sense out of life.

And, most importantly, the city is his artistic muse, an emotional oasis allowing the moody, misunderstood method actor to embrace skills neglected after filming 1987's "Barfly."

"I really do love Miami," said Rourke cradling Loki, an 11-year-old miniature whippet and Chihuahua mix, his constant companion over the last years. "Miami — you can relax here."

After years of therapy, Rourke said he is close to banishing most of the negative forces that crippled his life and career.

Gone are the hoodlum friends, dysfunctional relationships and bad boy antics that made him a pariah in Hollywood.

"I have fallen in love with acting again. I care about the craft," Rourke whispered in the same feathery tone immortalized in his modern-day film noir cult classics, "Angel Heart" and "9½ Weeks."

Patient fans who long suffered through the horrible films Rourke made in the 1990s (with the exception of "The Rainmaker") should be pleased to learn that Rourke, in the last four years, has been rebuilding his career through a careful selection of memorable and critically-acclaimed character roles.

"The new generation of young directors don't care about my old reputation," muttered Rourke, chain-smoking in the lounge of the South Beach hotel he now calls home. "They remember how serious I was about acting and expect nothing less from me now. And I am not about to disappoint them."

Although he is still being cast in thug roles, Rourke can play street in a thousand innovative ways.

Steve Buscemi cast Rourke as Jan the Actress in the prison drama, "Animal Factory," where Rourke stole the show as a neurotic, transvestite inmate with a lip.

In Jonas Akerlund's "Spun," Rourke plays The Cook, a wild man who runs a crystal meth lab out of a motel room. In Tony Scott's "Man On Fire" Rourke portrays Jordan Calvus, a corrupt attorney who represents the family of a kidnapping victim.



MIAMI HERALD/KEVIN MAZUR

After years of therapy, actor Mickey Rourke is rebuilding his career through careful selection of challenging and memorable character roles.

And next year, audiences will see Rourke in what he hopes will be his defining, breakthrough role.

He has the lead in Robert Rodriguez's "Sin City," playing Marv, a moody, disfigured, persecuted, misunderstood thug who loses the love of his life.

Marv seeks vengeance but finds redemption.

It is based on the best-selling graphic novel by Frank Miller.

"When a great artist decides to pick up the paint brush again — sometimes you see their greatest work," said Rodriguez, who recently completed the film. "Mickey is nothing short of amazing. He plays Marv on so many complex levels. Even Frank Miller said Mickey IS Marv."

Rodriguez is convinced that Marv will help bring Rourke back to the top. Rourke says this is the only role in his 25-year career that he is proud of.

As a method actor, Rourke, whose once-boyish features underwent reconstructive surgery following a 1990s boxing career, relates to Marv's disfigurement, angst and street code.

In 1990 while making "Wild Orchid" he met the love of his life, co-star Carole Otis, who divorced him several years later. It was a wrenching heartbreak for Rourke, eventually leading him into life and career-saving therapy.

By 1994, Rourke attempted a comeback, but still didn't take his art seriously. He had one amazing performance in 1997 when Francis Ford Coppola cast him as sleazy attorney J. Lynan "Bruiser" Stone in "The Rainmaker," but Hollywood didn't care.

He wrote films such as "The Last Ride" and "Bullet" under the pseudonym Sir Eddie Cook, but they went straight to video. Then came a slew of films where he showed up for a paycheck.

He eventually bottomed out, finding himself alone and broke, living in a tiny bungalow above Sunset Strip with several Chihuahuas that he dressed in jumper suits.

But with the new millennium and extensive therapy, Rourke changed.

And Hollywood's new generation of directors noticed. Besides Rodriguez, Scott and Akerlund, Rourke says he has met with Guy Richie and Quentin Tarantino and hopes to work with them at some point soon.

Whether Rourke will become a leading man again rests in the success of "Sin City."

"It would be nice to make a successful comeback, to get larger, better roles," Rourke said, "but even if I don't. I am I am making peace with myself, with acting and with those I love. I'm finding peace."

## Stamos files for divorce

"Full House" actor John Stamos has filed for divorce from "X-Men" actress Rebecca Romijn-Stamos.

The couple announced in April they were separating after five years of marriage. At the time, publicist Lewis Kay said the split was amicable. Court papers were filed in Los Angeles County's Superior Court.

Stamos, 41, and Romijn, 31, met in 1994 at a Victoria's Secret fashion show where she was a model. They began dating two months later and married in September 1998. They have no children.



Stamos

## Schwarzenegger receives apology

An Ohio car dealership has apologized to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for using a photo from his "Terminator" days in ads without permission.

Fred Martin Motor Co. issued a written apology and agreed to pay a "substantial" but unspecified amount of money to Arnold's All-Stars, an after-school program founded by Schwarzenegger, according to a joint statement released Friday.



Schwarzenegger

Schwarzenegger sued the auto dealer in 2002, before he became governor, for allegedly violating his right of publicity. A federal appeals court dismissed the case in June, saying California courts had no jurisdiction to hear it because the ads were never shown in California.

The ads, published in the Akron's Beacon Journal, displayed a photo of Schwarzenegger in his movie role as "The Terminator."

## Ventura to help launch Operation Truth

Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura will participate in a conference call this week to help launch a new group called Operation Truth, an organization being created

"to give voice to troops who served in Iraq."

The New York-based group is holding its official launch party and fund-raiser Wednesday, according to its Web site, <http://www.paulrickhoff.com/>.

The site describes its mission this way: "Operation Truth will educate the American public about the truth of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from the perspective of the soldiers who have experienced them firsthand. We will provide returning veterans with national, regional and local podiums from which they will expose the preventable hardships that they endured as a result of failures at the top levels of leadership."



Ventura

## Romano's next role is 'meaty' character

Actor Ray Romano learned about meat then took the heat.

The "Everybody Loves Raymond" star plays a meat salesman in the San Fernando Valley in his next film, "Grilled."

"There's a great guy named Sonny who is the best salesman in California," Romano said. "We had a meat-ology class with him, and I kind of took things from him for my character."

In the movie, due out next summer, Romano and co-star Kevin James of CBS's "The King of Queens" are desperately trying to meet a sales quota on the hottest day of the year.

The shooting schedule runs just 30 days in one of the region's steamiest locations.

"I thought it couldn't get any hotter than I live here. In Chatsworth (Calif.), you can bump it up 10 more degrees. But it's good for what we're doing, Romano said.



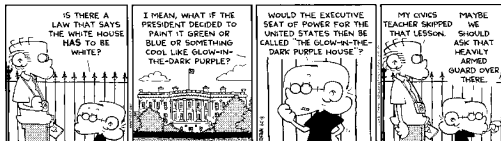
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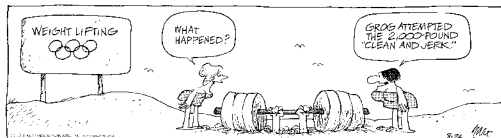




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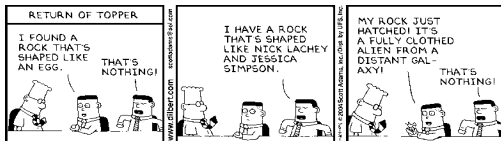
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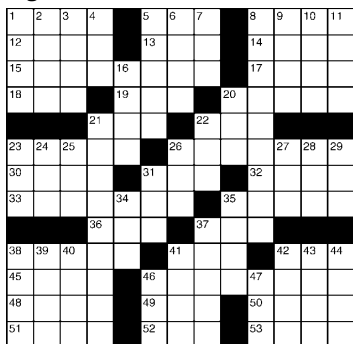
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### Across

- 1 Oliver Twist's request
- 5 Tackle moguls
- 8 Survey
- 12 Pedestal occupant
- 13 End of a Seuss title
- 14 Huron neighbor
- 15 Will modifications
- 17 Great Barrier —
- 18 Exist
- 19 Tramcar load
- 20 Talent seeker
- 21 Perch
- 22 "Humbug"
- 23 TV announcer Johnny
- 26 Formal wear
- 30 Scoundrel
- 31 Musician's job
- 32 Exceptional
- 33 Admired
- 35 Layered ice-cream treat
- 36 Witticism
- 37 Enjoyment
- 38 Adhered
- 41 PC component
- 42 Yon maiden
- 43 Hindu princess
- 46 Laid shag
- 48 Leave undone
- 49 Make up your mind
- 50 Connors rival
- 51 Like shiny floors
- 52 Pigs' digs
- 53 Mollicoddle

### Down

- 1 Isinglass
- 2 Skunk's defense
- 3 Took the bus
- 4 New Haven collegian
- 5 Big loss in Vegas?
- 6 Hardy cabbage
- 7 "— impossible"
- 8 Rugged draft horse
- 9 Sandwich snack
- 10 Place
- 11 Skedaddled
- 16 Invent
- 20 Kenny G's instrument
- 21 Seriousness
- 22 Insect
- 23 Resistance unit
- 24 Wahine's gift
- 25 Driver's license datum
- 26 Lagniappe
- 27 Weir
- 28 Scepter topper
- 29 Bishopric
- 31 Eviscerate
- 34 Family member, often
- 35 Dislodge with force
- 37 Pair of scores
- 38 Boast
- 39 Tibetan monk
- 40 Bell Labs op-sys name
- 41 Engrossed
- 42 Old portico
- 43 KFC additive
- 44 Nervous
- 45 Lettuce variety
- 47 Undergo recession

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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### CRYPTOQUIP

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HIGHLY OF YOUR CEILING, I RECKON YOU'RE  
PRAISING THE ROOF.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals N

# Reentering work force not easy

**Dear Abby:** Thank you for printing the letter from "Wants to Work in Milwaukee," who is HIV positive, living on disability, and who asked how to explain the 10-year gap in her work history. Your response about her privacy was correct. However, as a person living with HIV, and an employment services director at Positive Resource Center (in San Francisco) for people with HIV, I can tell you that many interviewers would regard the "personal reasons" explanation as a red flag.

"Wants to Work" should contact both her local AIDS service organization and her local vocational rehabilitation service.

She may need to update her job skills, and she may also need more information, preparation and support. She faces some big hurdles, but with guidance and

support she can clear them. The newly formed National Working Positive Coalition is bringing together the best information about effective services, education and research on HIV and employment.

Your readers can find more general information at [www.workingpositive.net](http://www.workingpositive.net). Individuals seeking specific advice may want to visit the Workplace forum of TheBody.com.

— Mark Misrock, President, National Working Positive Coalition

**Dear Mark:** Bless you for reaching out and offering such helpful resources to other HIV-positive readers who are ready to re-enter the workforce. Yours is one of several I received. Read on:

**Dear Abby:** Please advise "Wants to Work" (and others



Dear Abby

# Jealous spouse a potential abuser

**Dear Annie:** I used to work at a factory. Six months ago, I married "Sam," the foreman on another shift. However, after we married, Sam became insanely jealous.

I worked evenings. Every night when I came home, I was drilled about why I was not to talk to anyone about anything except work, and then, only if I couldn't get answers from Sam. He said the guys on my shift were jealous of my marrying the boss. Finally, I accepted a day job at the factory, but I was transferred because Sam would have been my direct supervisor. So, to avoid problems at home, I simply quit.

Sam has been at the factory for 41 years. I was there for five. After three months, I am still unemployed and he's still jealous. I am not allowed to leave the house without telling him first. I get in trouble for speaking to men in stores. If I receive junk mail, I must see it, and if I get a phone call that's a wrong number, he never believes it. I even

## Annie's Mailbox



get into trouble for fixing my hair and getting dressed in the morning before he leaves for work. It makes him think I'm having an affair. How can I get through this?

— At My Wits' End in Maryville, Mo.

**Dear Maryville:** Get through it. You need to get out of it. Sam fits the profile of a potential abuser. Insist that he go with you for counseling or you're leaving.

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to "Stan" for five years. My only serious complaint is his irresponsibility when it comes to his corporate expense account. As a sales exec, he spends over \$500 per month, but he fails to submit the required receipts to his company for reimbursement. We are therefore constantly paying for company dinners and travel expenses out of our own pockets.

The company requires that each receipt be detailed, and I

can't find all the receipts hidden in his wallet, glove box, coat pockets, underwear drawer or shaving kit. Stan and I have fought over this many times, and although Stan admits he has a "mental block" about the money, he seems powerless to change his behavior. Is there some therapy to help him become more organized?

— Mrs. Blockhead

**Dear Mrs. B.:** It's called behavior modification, but it won't work unless Stan cooperates. Try this: Buy a small wallet for the sole purpose of storing receipts, and every day, remind Stan to put it in his pocket or briefcase. At the end of each day, ask to see what's in it. If he stashes a receipt elsewhere, have him get it and put it in the wallet. Stan will need constant reminders and a willingness to change his behavior for this process to become second nature to him.

— Mrs. Blockhead

**Dear Working Mom:** Thank you for another practical suggestion. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the internet at <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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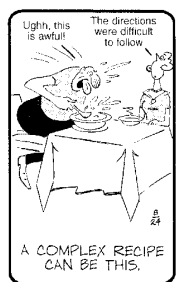
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Yesterday's Jumbles: AROMA PRONE NUMBER BENUMB

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argillon



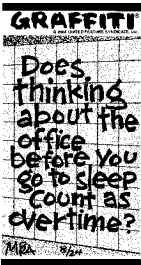
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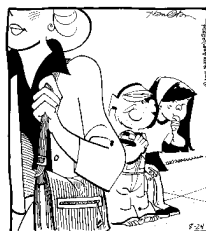
## Family Circus



"I was just trying to make my Olympics shirt look happier."

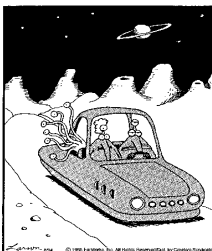


Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



Non Sequitur



# Mistake-free day makes Biffle a winner

By MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Greg Biffle was proud of himself for an unlikely reason after winning the NASCAR race at Michigan International Speedway.

"The guys did a great job and I didn't make any mistakes, which is pretty unusual for me to race an entire day and not make any mistakes," Biffle said after pulling away from teammate Mark Martin for an easy victory Sunday in the GFS Marketplace 400.

Biffle, the only driver to win both the Busch and Craftsman Truck series championships, has struggled through most of his 65-race Nextel Cup career, finishing 20th in the driver standings last year as a rookie and failing to become a contender this season.

He had just one top 10 finish in 19 races in 2004. Things began to change earlier this month, with



finishes of fourth at Pocono and sixth at Indianapolis before a disappointing 35th-place run a week ago on the road course at Watkins Glen.

"It's been tough at times this season, but I knew we could be in Victory Lane this year," Biffle said. "We've got this 16 car ironed out."

Martin and crew chief Pat Tryson chose to take only two tries on their final pit stop, while Biffle and the rest of the leaders took four. The shorter stop gave Martin track position, but he was unable to come close to chasing down Biffle's Ford.

Biffle pulled steadily away from Martin's Taurus in the closing laps, beating his Roush Racing teammate to the finish line by

8.216 seconds — or nearly half the front straightaway on the 2-mile oval.

"I was a little bit concerned because you never know what Mark Martin has up his sleeve," Biffle said. "He's always an aggressive race-car driver. ... Thank goodness he took two tires. I knew it was over then."

The driver from Vancouver, Wash., led a race-high 73 of the 200 laps and averaged 139.063 mph, slowed by a Michigan record-tying nine caution flags.

Martin, who won earlier this year in Dover and is making a strong run at a spot in NASCAR's new 10-race championship playoff, lost ground when he was penalized after a crewman failed to get a lugnut tightened on his left rear tire during a pit stop on the 130th lap.

The four-time series runner-up was leading before that stop, but fell to 23rd for the ensu-

ing restart after being penalized by NASCAR for the loose lugnut.

Martin refused to blame his team for losing the race.

"Everybody has problems and mistakes, including the driver," he said. "I pile this thing into the concrete once in a while, too."

Only three races remain before the field is set for the "Chase for the Cup," with the top 10 drivers in the standings racing over the last 10 events for the title. After the race Sept. 11 in Richmond, NASCAR will reset the points, with the leader five ahead of the runner-up and 45 in front of the 10th-place driver.

The whole points race right-ended Sunday when Jimmie Johnson — who took the lead with a fourth-place run here in June and led by 232 just three weeks ago — had an engine failure for the third straight week and finished 40th. Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon

moved to the top of the chart. The four-time series champion, who last led the standings at the end of his championship run in 2001, is 68 ahead of Johnson.

## Franchitti wins Pikes Peak

FOUNTAIN, Colo. — Dario Franchitti shook off a potentially dangerous pit mishap and led the last 63 laps to win the Indy Honda 225 at Pikes Peak International Raceway.

Franchitti, who held the lead four times for 128 laps, went into the pits on lap 85 for four new tires and fuel. As he started to pull out, fuel man Mike Miller had trouble getting the hose disconnected from the car and was clipped by the rear tire.

Miller wound up with a twisted knee and Franchitti lost about 10 seconds, allowing three drivers to pass him. But what would have been the difference in the race turned out to be just a speed bump for Franchitti.



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hole. She closed with a 72 after having led by three shots. Lorena Ochoa had the day's low round (67) and was alone at 279. Patricia Meunier-Lebeux (68) and Nancy Scranton (70) finished three shots back.

Amateur Michelle Wie shot 69 for 282, joined by U.S. Open champion Meg Mallon (70), Marilyn Loderer (72) and 2002 Wendy's winner Mi Hyun Kim (72).

## Rookie Taylor earns first title

RENO, Nev. — Rookie Vaughn Taylor claimed his first PGA Tour victory, rolling in an 11-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to win a four-way playoff in the Reno-Taylor Open.

Taylor made a 14-foot birdie putt on the last hole of regulation for a 3-over 75 and tied hometown favorite Scott McCarron (71), rookie Hunter Mahan (74) and Australia's Steve Allan (74) at 10-under 278.

In the playoff, McCarron missed a 14-foot birdie putt and Mahan failed to convert from 16 feet. Allan's approach to the 429-yard, par-4 18th came up short.

Taylor had two double bogeys and two bogeys in windy conditions at Montreux Golf and Country Club. Only 11 players broke par in the final round as wind gusts to 45 mph.

Allan was at 12 under and had a two-stroke lead over McCarron and Mahan heading to the final hole. But his third shot, from a greenside bunker, was 10 yards over the green. He missed a 4-foot putt for bogey and settled for double bogey.

## Moore outduels List for U.S. Amateur title

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Ryan Moore won the last four holes to beat Luke List 2-up in the 36-hole final of the U.S. Amateur at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Moore birdied Nos. 15, 17 and 18 to win his fourth prestigious amateur event of the year. The UNLV senior also won the NCAA, Western Amateur and U.S. Amateur Public Links.

He becomes the fifth golfer to win two USGA championships in a year, joining Bob Jones and Chick Evans (U.S. Amateur, U.S. Open), Jay Siegel (U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur) and Pearl Sinn (U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, U.S. Women's Amateur).

List, a 19-year-old sophomore at Vanderbilt, was 2-up after making a 3-foot birdie putt at the par-3 18th.

Moore made his move on the 15th, making birdie while List, of Ringold, Ga., bogeyed the 16th and 17th. Moore closed out the match with a 10-foot birdie putt at 17 and a 6-footer at 18.

## Birdie on 18 lifts Tewel

CONOVER, N.C. — Doug Tewel rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the last hole to win the Greater Hickory Classic title with a tournament low 8-under 64.

Tewel played three bogey-free rounds and finished at 14-under 102 for the 54-hole event, one shot ahead of second-round leader Bruce Fleisher, who had a 68.

Morris Hataishi birdied the final two holes to finish at 206 with a closing 66. Jerry Pate shot 68 for 207.

Tewel needed only 22 putts in the final round in winning his eighth senior tournament.

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# Red Sox close within 5½ games of Yanks

## Boos replace cheers at Yankee Stadium as Anaheim sweeps

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees are struggling to score and their once-hot lead in the AL East is shrinking. Manager Joe Torre refuses to panic just yet.

"I guess that's what the lead is all about. You have fouls to give," Torre said. "You certainly can't worry about who's running after you."

Kelvin Escobar out-pitched Kevin Brown, Bengie Molina went 4-for-4 with a three-run homer and the Anaheim Angels completed a three-game sweep of the slumping Yankees with a 4-3 victory on Sunday.

Gary Sheffield homered and had two RBIs for New York, which managed only four hits and was booed by a sellout crowd of 53,885 at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees have lost six of their last seven.

"With the exception of Sheff, nobody's swinging the bat very well right now," shortstop Derek Jeter said. "Usually it's not everyone cold at the same time."

The loss, combined with Boston's 6-5 victory over Chicago, dropped New York's AL East lead to 5½ games — the closest the Red Sox have been since June 28. The Red Sox, a season-high 10½ games out a week ago, have won six straight.

Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz homered on consecutive pitches to start the eighth, and the Red Sox swept the White Sox for the first time since taking three straight Sept. 26-28, 2000, in Chicago.

"When we start thinking about the Yankees, we start playing terrible for some reason," Ortiz said. "We'll see at the end. We don't have time to think about the Yankees or anything like that."

Meanwhile, the Angels have won five



Boston's Manny Ramirez celebrates his game-tying, eighth-inning homer against Chicago.

straight and 13 of 17 to move a half-game behind first-place Oakland in the AL West. "We ran into a New York team that isn't playing its best ball — we know that," Angels closer Troy Percival said. "That's when you need to take advantage."

Escobar (8-9) allowed just three hits and struck out eight in seven innings, winning for the third time in four starts.

Kevin Brown (9-3) cruised into the fifth, but ran into trouble. Jose Guillen led off with an infield single and Jeff DaVanon bunted for a hit. One out later, Molina homered on a 1-2 pitch for a 3-2 lead.

"We haven't had a whole lot going right for us lately," said Brown, who lost for the first time in 10 home starts this season.

"Bad bounces, bad pitches. Today, it was that one pitch."

The Angels pulled off their first sweep of New York in five years.

"You have a red-hot team over there. They came in on their 'A' game and whipped us," Alex Rodriguez said.

**Red Sox 6, White Sox 5:** The host White Sox led 5-4 when Ramirez hit Freddy Garcia's first pitch of the eighth for his 33rd homer, and third of the series, giving him 11 RBIs in three games. Damaso Marte (4-5) relieved and Ortiz hit his first pitch out in right-center for a 6-5 lead.

Curtis Leskanen (2-5) won by getting one out, giving the Red Sox a one-game

lead in the AL wild-card race. Keith Foulke pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save.

The White Sox lost for the 19th time in 27 games and fell under .500 for the first time since April 8.

**Royals 10, Rangers 2:** Calvin Pickering drove in six runs with a grand slam and a two-run homer in his first major league appearance in almost three years to help the host Royals snap Twins' eight-game winning streak. In his previous official at-bat in the majors on Oct. 5, 2001, Pickering hit a three-run homer for Boston against Baltimore.

Zack Greinke (6-9) pitched six shutout innings.

**Twins 7, Indians 3:** Justin Morneau drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth before leaving when he was hit in the hand by a pitch, and host Minnesota completed a three-game sweep.

The first-place Twins, who led Cleveland by only a game last Sunday, took a seven-game lead in the AL Central. The Indians have lost seven straight, including four to the Twins.

C.C. Sabathia (9-8) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in 5½ innings, leaving after hitting Morneau in the left hand with a pitch. The first baseman was taken to a hospital for X-rays, which were negative. He's day to day with a bruised hand.

**Devil Rays 2, Athletics 1:** Devon Brazell (6-4) pitched seven innings and Jose Cruz Jr. hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth to help the host Devil Rays snap a four-game losing streak.

Erubiel Durazo homered for Oakland, which went 5-1 on a six-game road trip.

**Blue Jays 8, Orioles 5:** Eric Hinske and Vernon Wells homered and Toronto completed a three-game sweep. The Blue Jays had lost four straight and 13 of 15 before coming to Baltimore, where they picked up their first road sweep of the season.

**Mariners 5, Tigers 3:** Willie Bloomquist hit his first homer in more than 13 months — a go-ahead three-run shot in the fifth — to help visiting Seattle avoid a three-game sweep.

## Patience a virtue for Renteria

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Edgar Renteria was willing to wait for his pitch as long as necessary.

The St. Louis shortstop fouled off a dozen pitches in the first inning before he got a fastball he could handle. He ripped a three-run homer that set the tone for the Cardinals' 11-4 victory Sunday over Pittsburgh.

"That might have been the best at-bat I've seen all year," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Renteria tied his career high with five RBIs and finished the series 9-for-18.

That helped the Cardinals complete a 6-2 homestand and improve their major league-leading record to 82-42. St. Louis is 40 games above .500 for the first time since the last game of their NL pennant-winning season of 1985.

St. Louis has won eight straight series and 14 of 15.

"It means we're really good," said outfielder Larry Walker, who hit a grand slam, the seventh of his career and second in five days, in the eighth inning to put the game out of reach.



**Cubs 11, Astros 6:** Aramis Ramirez hit a three-run homer and Moises Alou also homered for visiting Chicago.

Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood, manager Dusty Baker and Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt were ejected after the right-handers plunked four batters. Oswalt (13-9) was tossed in the third inning for hitting Michael Barrett in the back.

**Phillies 9, Brewers 6 (10):** Jason Michaels' RBI single snapped a tie and Philadelphia scored five times in the 10th to finish off its first three-game road sweep of the Brewers.

**Giants 3, Mets 1:** Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer in the first inning to support Kirk Rueter (7-9). Bonds' 693rd career homer and 35th of the season highlighted a three-run first inning that also featured Ray Durham's lead innings homer.

Rueter worked seven innings and Dustin Hermanson recorded the final four outs for his fifth save.

**Expos 8, Rockies 2:** At Denver, Juan Rivera homered and drove in two runs and Ryan Church had three hits and two RBIs in his major league debut for visiting Montreal.

Rivera was 4-for-5 with three runs scored for the Expos.

John Patterson (3-2) worked six strong innings and earned his second win in eight starts. The Expos scored two runs off Jason Jennings (11-11) in the first inning.

**Mariners 8, Padres 3:** Carl Pavano (14-5) allowed two runs in six innings, hit a home run and drove in two runs to lead visiting Florida.

**Braves 10, Dodgers 1:** At Los Angeles, Chipper Jones' three-run homer capped an eight-run second inning. J.D. Drew hit a two-run double and visiting Atlanta split the four-game series matching NL division leaders.

Jaret Wright (12-6) won for the 10th time in 11 decisions.

**Reds 11, Diamondbacks 1:** D'Angelo Jimenez hit a three-run homer and Sean Casey added a solo shot and an RBI double to lead visiting Cincinnati's rout.

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# California, Texas show their power

By DAN LEWERENZ  
The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Danny Leon hit a two-run homer, and Tyler Carp and John Lister added solo homers to lead Conejo Valley Little League to a 9-2 victory over Morganton, N.C., on Sunday in the Little League World Series.

"I think I was a little pumped up. I was ready to hit the ball," Leon said. "And John and Tyler just hit it for."

Earlier Sunday, Lamar National of Richmond, Texas, beat Owensboro (Ky.) Southern 12-2 in five innings. Meghan Sims became just the second U.S. girl, and the third overall, to pitch in the series when she took the mound for Kentucky.

Conejo Valley (1-0) was the last team to take the field at this year's World Series, but once the team from Thousand Oaks, Calif., got started, they were hard to stop. The team's opener against Lincoln, K.I., was postponed because of rain Friday, so three teams had completed their second games before California scored its first run.

But the runs came quickly. California batted around in the third inning to take a 6-0 lead. Leon's shot to center field in the third inning led the scoring, and Lister's RBI double made it 3-0. Jordan

## Little League roundup

Brower scored on a passed ball, and Lister came home on a fielder's choice. Derick Francis capped the scoring with an RBI double.

**Texas 12, Kentucky 2 (5):** Cody Abraham hit a three-run homer, and Randal Grichuk hit his third homer of the series for Texas (2-0). Kentucky (0-2) trailed 10-0 when Sims took the mound; she walked one, then allowed Grichuk's home run, forcing the mercy-rule ending.

**Panama 9, Poland 0:** Francisco Chiani pitched a no-hitter for Panama (2-0), but missed his perfect game when he walked Adrian Florczak in the fifth inning. Poland, playing in its first series, fell to 0-2. It was the second no-hitter of this series and the seventh since the series expanded to 16 teams in 2001.

**Mexico 1, Saudi Arabia 0 (8):** Oscar Garza hit a home run on the first pitch of the eighth inning to give Mexico (1-1) the win. Saudi Arabia fell to 1-1.

**Washington 8, Maryland 3:** Stephen Thompson hit a three-run homer in the fifth to lift Washington (1-1) to the win. Maryland (1-1) led 3-0 at the end of the third.

## Eagles turning to RB Levens

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Free agent running back Dorsey Levens will return to the Philadelphia Eagles and replace the injured Correll Buckhalter, Levens' agent said Sunday.

"It's an opportunity to play, and it's a situation where he knows the offense and has an opportunity to win a Super Bowl," agent Hadley Engelhard said.

The Eagles declined comment. Buckhalter tore a tendon in his right knee in Friday's preseason win over Baltimore and will un-

dergo season-ending surgery. Levens' return would mark the second time he was brought in to back up an injured Buckhalter.

Levens likely will back up third-year back Brian Westbrook, who, along with Buckhalter, shared time with veteran Duce Staley last season. Staley signed with Pittsburgh in the offseason.

The 34-year-old Levens spent his first eight seasons with the Green Bay Packers before joining the Eagles in 2002 when Buckhalter was lost for the season with a knee injury.

Levens signed with the Giants as a free agent last year.



American Justin Gatlin, right, crosses the line ahead of Portugal's Francis Obikwelu, center, and Maurice Greene, also of the U.S., left, to win the gold medal in the 100 meters on Sunday.

# Gatlin has dash of grace

## American wins fastest 100 in history, humbly soaks in the moment

By JAIME ARON

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — After earning the title of world's fastest man, Justin Gatlin did something unusual.

Well, it's what he didn't do after winning the Olympic 100 meters in 9.85 seconds that set him apart. There was no strutting. No preening. No declaration that he's the king of track.

"I just want to give a good job to the sport," Gatlin said Sunday. "I'm not saying that anybody's tainted the sport, but I think it's my turn to show that there's a lot of good people out there in the sport of track and field."

"I want to show that nice guys can finish first. . . I feel that I'm likable. I feel that I'm honest. I go out there and give a good race for the crowd."

He did this time, clocking a personal best in his biggest race to finish .01 ahead of Francis Obikwelu of Portugal and .02 ahead of defending champion Maurice Greene of the United States. It was the closest finish for an Olympic 100 final since the U.S.-boy-cotted 1980 Moscow Games.

"It felt so easy," said Gatlin, whose previous best was 9.92. "And there were a lot of technical errors. The last 10 meters, I closed my hands and was running with pumped fists. If I had run relaxed, I could've run 9.8, 9.79. So I think I still have a chance to go out there and break the world record or run faster than I did tonight."

Now that's the kind of talk expected from the Olympic champion. Except the way Gatlin says it, he's being confident, not cocky.

Cocky is Greene getting a tattoo proclaiming himself "the greatest of all time." Or Shawn Crawford, the other American in the field, slowing down while leading a semifinal heat and turning to talk to Gatlin, his training partner, for the last 15 meters.

"That's how they do it, how they get themselves pumped up and run fast times. I hope they still do it because it's better competition when I see a faster race," Gatlin said.

He crossed the line with his mouth wide open, dropped to his knees and clasped his hands in prayer. Then he jumped into the stands at part of a victory lap around the stadium, at one point crowning a fan with his laurel wreath.

Although he was exhausted — "I thought, 'Wow, this is harder than running the race!'" — he felt obliged to respond to the energy he felt from the crowd.

"I just wanted to touch everybody, shake everybody's hand," he said.



Instead of strutting around, Gatlin simply grabbed an American flag and celebrated with the fans.

The 22-year-old Gatlin was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He realized how fast he was when his friends had to use bikes to keep up with him. He moved to Pensacola, Fla., when he was 8, dominated the state scene in high school and became an NCAA champion at Tennessee.

Gatlin began taking prescription medicine to treat a form of attention deficit disorder when he was young. In 2001, an amphetamine in that medicine caused a positive test at the 2001 U.S. Junior championships.

Sunday night, he made it clear he has little tolerance for the drug cheats who have jaded fans into waiting for urine tests to come back before crowning new champions.

"Everyone has a responsibility to uphold and everyone should have a little dignity for themselves," he said. "All the questions now are about drugs. . . I'd like to hear more questions about, 'What's your next race? How do you feel? Even if it's personal questions, I just want to try to get away from the drug question.'"

OK, then, getting back to the personal stuff: Gatlin wears a diamond in his left ear and a platinum chain around his neck. His left wrist bears the yellow rubber "Live Strong" band from the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

While they were created to support career awareness, Gatlin got it from a friend to cheer him up after he ran the 100 in 10.19 to finish last in the Prefontaine Classic.

"It reminds me to make every race count," he said.

He did at the Olympic Trials, finishing .01 behind Greene in the 100 and just behind Crawford in the 200.

Gatlin begins 200 heats on Tuesday, with the final Thursday night. He knows another victory would really kick his good-guy campaign into high gear.

"If I just stay cool and run my race in the 200, don't worry about what happened in the 100," he said. "I know I can go out there and win the gold."

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Warner extends U.S. tradition in 400 sweep

BY ROB GLOSTER

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Jeremy Warner became the sixth straight American to win an Olympic 400-meter title as he led a U.S. sweep of the medals.

Warner, 20, finished in 44.00 seconds — a personal best. He crossed the finish line with his arms extended in victory, followed by silver medalist Otis Harris (44.16) and bronze medalist Derrick Brew (44.42).

The United States has dominated the event since 1984, winning 13 of the 18 medals in the past six Olympics. Americans also swept at Seoul in 1988.

The three Americans hugged in the finish area, then began a slow victory lap with three U.S. flags.

"It means a lot. We all thought we could go out and go 1-2-3. We did our best, we fought hard, and we all came out on top," Warner said, showing no sign of emotion. "It hasn't sunk in yet."

Warner has been tabbed the successor to Michael Johnson, who ruled the 400 for more than a decade and won gold medals in the 1996 and 2000 Games. Warner even has Johnson's old coach, Clyde Hart of Baylor.

"He won, that's all I care about. He executed just like we planned it. It was the perfectly executed race," Hart said.

The United States has won 18 of the 24 times the event has been held in the Olymp-



Christine Arron, left, of France, and Allyson Felix, center, of the U.S., run a qualifying heat for the women's 200 meters Monday in Athens, Greece. Felix led three American women into the semifinals, winning her heat in both the first and second rounds.

pics, including four medal sweeps — 1904, 1968, 1988 and this summer.

**Women's 800:** Britain's Kelly Holmes held off three competitors, including defending champion Maria Mutola, to win a thrilling women's 800 in the closest Olympic finish in history.

Holmes, the bronze medalist in 2000 at Sydney, finished in 1 minute, 56.38 seconds — her eyes wide, mouth open and arms spread like wings as she crossed the line just ahead of Morocco's Hasna Benhassi and Slovenia's Jolanda Ceplak. Both were timed in 1:56.43, and it took a photo to determine Benhassi had captured the silver medal.

Mutola faded in the final few strides to finish fourth in 1:56.51. Jearl Miles Clark

of the United States led for most of the race, but ran out of energy on the final stretch and finished sixth.

**Men's discus:** Hungary's Robert Fazekas set an Olympic record with a toss of 232 feet, 8 inches (70.93 meters), beating the past two gold medalists.

Lithuania's Virgilijus Alekna, the defending champion, settled for the silver after failing to improve on his opening toss of 229-3 (69.89).

Hungary also won the bronze: Zoltan Kovago went 219-11 (67.04).

Fazekas broke the Olympic discus mark of 227-8 (69.40), set by Germany's Lars Riedel in winning the gold at Atlanta in 1996. Riedel did not make the final group Monday.

Casey Malone of the United States finished seventh.

**Women's 5000:** Meseret Defar of Ethiopia won with a time of 14 minutes, 45.65 seconds.

Isabella Ochichi of Kenya won the silver in 14 minutes, 48.19 seconds; Tirfu Dibaba of Ethiopia took bronze in 14 minutes, 51.83 seconds.

**Women's triple jump:** Cameroon's Françoise Mbango Etone beat her previous best of 12.78 meters to win gold with a leap of 50 feet, 2½ inches (15.30 meters).

Hrysopiya Deveta of Greece won the silver at 50-½ (15.25).

**Women's 20k racewalk:** Athanasia Tsioumelea of Greece got the crowd going early Monday, winning the 20-kilometer walk in 1 hour, 29.12 seconds, then parading around the stadium with a Greek flag.

## Third medal for USA's Patterson

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — All-around champion Carly Patterson won her third medal of these Olympics and the sixth for the U.S. women's gymnastics team Monday, taking silver behind Catalina Ponor of Romania in the balance beam finals.

Alexandra Eremina of Romania took bronze. The Romanian women have four medals in these Olympics, including the gold in team competition.

The six medals for the United States surpasses the total of five won by the women in 1992 and makes this the most successful team in a non-boycotted Olympics. Led by all-around champion Mary Lou Retton, the Americans won eight in 1984.

Patterson is from Allen, Texas.

**Men's vault:** Gervasio Deferr of Spain gave Spain its second Olympic gold medal in men's gymnastics. Deferr finished with 9.737 points. Evgeni Sapronenko of Latvia won the silver with 9.706 points, and former world champion Marian Drăgulescu of Romania took the bronze with 9.612 points.

No Americans qualified for the vault final. Deferr was one of the few vaulters to land cleanly.

Russia's Alexei Bondarenko, the first competitor, had a scary crash on his first vault, landing almost on his head. He took a few seconds to gather himself and went ahead with his second vault, but he landed on his side on that one. He was clearly hurting as he climbed off the podium, and was later carried out of the arena on a stretcher.

**Men's parallel bars:** Valeri Goncharov of Ukraine won the gold medal Monday, defeating Hironori Tomita of Japan by 0.012.

Two-time reigning world champion Li Xiaoping of China took bronze. All-around gold medalist Paul Hamm of the United States tied for last among the



Carly Patterson of the United States performs her routine on the balance beam Monday at the Olympic Games in Athens. Patterson won the silver medal.

eight competitors and failed to medal for the third straight time in event finals.

All eight gymnasts were within 0.050 of each other. Hamm took a slight step back on his dismount that could have made the difference between first and last.

Goncharov, who finished second in the European Championships on the parallel bars, gave Ukraine its first gymnastics medal of the Athens Games.

## Duplicate all-around gold for South Korean unlikely

BY NANCY ARMOUR

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The U.S. Olympic Committee would consider supporting South Korea's bid to pursue a duplicate gold medal for one of its gymnasts to make up for the scoring error that gave American Paul Hamm the all-around title.

But the International Gymnastics Federation would have to support such an agreement, and its president, Bruno Grandi, told The Associated Press on Monday night that cannot happen.

"I don't have the possibility to change it," Grandi told the AP. "Our rules don't allow it."

Hamm won the gold medal Wednesday after judges incorrectly scored Yang Tae-young's parallel bars routine, failing to give him enough points for the level of difficulty. Yang ended up with the bronze while Hamm became the first American man to win the all-around title.

USOC officials met with members of the South Korean Olympic Committee and were trying to find an "equitable solution," said Darryl Seibel, a spokesman for the USOC.

"We have indicated to them that we would be willing to consider the notion of a second gold medal being awarded," Seibel told the AP. "It's up to the Korean Olympic Committee to determine how it wants to proceed. There's a willingness to at least consider this idea."

Jae Soon-yoo, an official for the South Korean delegation, was in a meeting Monday afternoon and didn't have an immediate comment.

If the USOC and the South Koreans do reach an agreement, it doesn't automatically clear the way for Yang to get a gold. The FIG would have to ask the International Olympic Committee to award a second gold medal — but that would mean FIG also would have to rewrite its rulebook.

Under current FIG rules, protests have to be filed immediately, and the South Koreans waited until after the meet to lodge their complaint. FIG rules also prevent scores from being changed once the meet is over.

Grandi said the Olympics would be longer by a week if the rulebook was rewritten to allow such appeals.

"When that green light finishes, it finishes the possibility for the coach to raise their hand," Grandi told the AP, referring to the light that goes on during a routine. "It was finished."

Asked about the furor Sunday night, Grandi said the Koreans understood why the South Koreans were upset, but he didn't think a second gold medal was warranted.

"The people I'm a little bit upset with is FIG because this matter should have never even come up," Hamm said. "The rules can't be changed after the competition is over."

Gymnastics roundup



## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Massu wins singles for second tennis gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Somehow, somewhere, Nicolas Massu summoned the strength and the shots to win his second gold of these Olympics.

That's twice as many medals as the entire star-studded U.S. tennis team managed. Doing everything he could to buy time and beat exhaustion, Chile's Massu got past American Mardy Fish 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in an error-strewn singles final Sunday night that went four hours. "He just kept getting better and better," Fish said, "and more untired."

Chile had never won a gold medal in any sport until Massu and Fernando Gonzalez won the doubles title in a match that lasted more than 3½ hours and ended in the wee hours Sunday morning.

"The best two days of my life," said Massu, who didn't get to sleep until 6:30 a.m., 13 hours before his match against Fish began. "That's it. It's just amazing."

Gonzalez won the singles bronze, beating Taylor Dent of the United States. So the unexpected, unseeded Fish's silver is the only tennis medal for a squad that included Andy Roddick, Venus Williams and Martina Navratilova.

Massu broke to begin the fifth set, and he didn't have to do much work because Fish flubbed a backhand, reared back and



Korea's Ryu Seung Min, left, celebrates with his coach, Kim Taek Soo, after winning the gold medal in table tennis on Monday.

smashed his racket to the court, drawing a warning.

All malleable shots. All missed. Fish, playing more aggressively, had 105 unforced er-

rors to Massu's 78. There were a total of 12 service breaks and 15 double faults.

Hardly glamorous tennis. Then again, well, it was hardly a glamorous matchup, which perhaps is why the 8,000-seat center court was about half-empty by the last set.

Neither finalist has ever been past the third round at a Grand Slam tournament nor has he ranked in the top 10. They entered Sunday with a combined five career titles.

## Table tennis

**Men's singles:** Ryu Seung-min beat China's Wang Hao in six games Monday, becoming the first South Korean to win the men's table tennis gold medal since the sport was added at the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

Ryu, ranked third in the world, won 11-3, 9-11, 11-9, 11-3, 11-9, ending China's long run of men's singles titles. "I didn't quite expect this, so I am quite thrilled," said Ryu, who upon winning launched himself into his coach's arms, wrapping his legs around Kim Taek-soo's hips.

China has won 16 of the table tennis gold medals, sweeping all four — two singles, two doubles — in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics.

Wang Linqin of China won the bronze.

## Cycling

**Team Pursuit:** Australia easily defeated Britain Sunday for the gold medal in the

4,000-meter team pursuit, adding the Olympic title to its three consecutive world championships.

Australia's foursome finished in 3 minutes, 58.23 seconds. Britain finished in 4:01.760.

It was the fifth Olympic medal and the first gold for Australian Brad McGee, a three-time individual pursuit medalist — including winner of the silver in Athens — and a member of his nation's bronze medal winning pursuit team at Atlanta in 1996.

Australia's win strengthened its position as the dominant cycling program at these Olympics. It now has five medals from its cyclists, including four on the track, and three cycling golds — no other country has matched the Aussies in any of those categories.

Spain defeated 2000 gold medalist Germany for the bronze, with a winning time of 4:05.523.

## Diving

**Women's 10-meter platform:** Chantelle Newbery won Australia's first Olympic gold medal in diving since 1924, easily holding off China's Luo Lishi and Aussie teammate Louky Tourou.

Newbery finished first with 590.31 points. Luo earned silver with 576.30 points. While Louky took bronze with 561.66.

American Laura Wilkinson, the defending Olympic champion, finished fifth with 549.72.

## Olympics scoreboard

## Monday's scores

Basketball	
Spain 88, New Zealand 84	
Lithuania 80, Australia 65	
China 68, Serbia 66	
Field Hockey	
New Zealand, 2; South Africa 1	
Germany 2, South Korea 2	
Soccer	
United States 2, Germany 1, OT	
Tennis	
United States 2, Germany 1, OT	
Table Tennis	
China 2, Brazil 1	
Volleyball	
France 3, Tunisia 1 (25-23, 18-25, 25-19, 25-30)	
Russia 3, Italy 2 (25-16, 25-22, 22-25, 23-25, 15-10)	
Netherlands 3, Australia 0 (25-22, 25-17, 25-10)	
Poland 3, Argentina 2 (25-19, 22-25, 23-25, 22-25, 20-18)	
Water Polo	
Australia 6, Italy 0	
Croatia 5, Kazakhstan 4	
Spain 12, Hungary 6	

## Monday's results

## Track and field

Women	
200m Final	
1. Athanasia Tsoukara, Greece, 1:29.12	
2. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia, 1:29.16	
3. Lenise LaPlante, France, 1:29.17	
4. Margarita Tsvetkova, Russia, 1:29.30	
5. Yvonne McGregor, Germany, 1:29.52	
6. Elisa Rigaudi, Italy, 1:29.57	
7. Maria Vasco, Spain, 1:30.00	
8. Wang Liping, China, 1:30.16	

## Wrestling

Women	
48 kg Semifinals	
Chiharu Icho, Japan, def. Angelique Berthelin, France, 12-1, Greater Superiority	
Trinity Ure, United States, def. Patricia Miranda, United States, 9-0	
Brazo Medal	
Patricia Miranda, United States, def. Angelique Berthelin, France, 12-1	
Gold Medal	
Trinity Ure, United States, def. Chiharu Icho, Japan, 2-0	
55 kg Semifinals	
Tonya Verbeke, def. Ida-Theres Karlsson, Sweden, 11-0	
Saori Yoshida, Japan, def. Anna Gomis, Russia, 11-0	
Bronze Medal	
Anna Gomis, France, def. Ida-Theres Karlsson, Sweden, 6-0	

Gold Medal	
Saori Yoshida, Japan, def. Tonya Verbeke, Canada, 6-0	
63 kg Semifinals	
Men	
Matt Moulden, United States, def. Stavroulakis, Greece, 10-0	
Katli Icho, Japan, def. Les Legend, France, 10-0	
Bronze Medal	
Les Legend, France, def. Stavroulakis, Greece, 10-0	
Gold Medal	
Katli Icho, Japan, def. Stavroulakis, United States, 10-0	
72 kg Semifinals	
Guzel Maniurova, Russia, def. Svetlana Sayenko, Ukraine, 10-0	
Wang Xu, China, def. Kyoko Hamaguchi, Japan, 10-0	
Bronze Medal	
Kyoko Hamaguchi, Japan, def. Svetlana Sayenko, Ukraine, 6-0	
Gold Medal	
Guzel Maniurova, Russia, 7-2	

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## Table tennis

Men	
Singles	
Ryu Seung Min, North Korea, 9-6, 6-2, 9-11, 11-9, 11-3	
Gold Medal	
Wang Linqin, China, 11-3, 9-11, 11-9, 11-3, 11-3	

## Sunday's results

## Track and field

Men	
100 m	
Justin Gatlin, Raleigh, N.C., 9.85	
Francis Obikwelu, Portugal, 9.96	
Maurice Greene, Grenada Hills, Calif., 9.97	
Shawn Crawford, Raleigh, N.C., 9.89	
Adia Powell, Jamaica, 9.94	
Kim Anderson, Collins, St. Kitts and Nevis, 10.00	
Obadele Zakariah Thompson, Bahamas, 10.01	
NR: Asif Zakari, Ghana, DNF	
Gymnastics (artistic)	
Men	
Floor Exercise	
Kyle Shewfelt, Canada, 9.875	
Manin Dragulescu, Romania, 9.875	
Yury Chirchik, Italy, 9.875	
Gervasio Deferr, Spain, 9.712	
Daisuke Nakano, Japan, 9.712	

Women	
100 m	
Isao Yoneda, Japan, 9.652	
Morgan Handley, Wisconsin, 9.650	
200 m	
Teng Haihui, China, 9.825	
Yury Chirchik, Italy, 9.825	
1. Tefekha Kishina, Japan, 9.78	
2. Wang Xu, China, 9.78	
3. Victor Cano, Spain, 9.762	
4. Wang Xu, China, 9.762	
5. Rumar Alexanderson, Iceland, 9.725	
6. Hiroaki Tomita, Japan, 9.725	
400 m	
1. Dimosthenes Tsampanis, Greece, 9.862	
2. Jordan Jovchev, Bulgaria, 9.850	
3. Yury Chirchik, Italy, 9.847	
4. Hiroaki Tomita, Japan, 9.800	
5. Matteo Morandi, Italy, 9.800	
6. Pierre Verses Berry, France, 9.800	
7. Alexander Sidorov, Russia, 9.750	
8. Andreas Schweizer, Switzerland, 9.737	

Men	
100 m	
GOLD—Justin Gatlin, Raleigh, N.C.	
SILVER—Francis Obikwelu, Portugal	
BRONZE—Maurice Greene, Grenada Hills, Calif.	
200 m	
GOLD—Christian Olsson, Sweden	
SILVER—Marion Jones, Romania	
BRONZE—Danila Bulygina, Russia	
400 m	
GOLD—Stefan Holm, Sweden	
SILVER—Matthew Hemmings, Littleton, Colo.	
BRONZE—Jaroslav Bata, Czech Republic	
800 m	
GOLD—Adrian Zsiros, Hungary	
SILVER—Karl Laroche, France	
Men's 1000 Final, 11:30 p.m.	
Men	
Marathon	
GOLD—Mizuki Noguchi, Japan	
SILVER—Wincatrine Nyambura, Kenya	
BRONZE—Yuri Chirchik, Littleton, Colo.	

Women	
3000m Individual Pursuit	
GOLD—Sarah Ulmer, New Zealand	
SILVER—Katie Macfarlane, New Zealand	
BRONZE—Leonie Zijlward, Moorsel, Netherlands	

Women	
1000m Individual Pursuit	
GOLD—Chantal van den Broek, Australia	
SILVER—Lao Lishi, China	
BRONZE—Lao Lishi, China	

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS



USA's Mia Hamm, right, goes for the ball against Germany's Renate Lingor during their semifinal match Monday. The U.S. won, 2-1.

# U.S. upsets World champs

## Win in OT gives vets shot to cap careers with gold

BY JOSEPH WHITE  
The Associated Press

IRAKLON, Greece — The only teenager on the U.S. women's soccer team gave the old vets a chance to leave with one last gold.

Minutes after missing a wide open net, Heather O'Reilly scored in the ninth minute of overtime Monday to give the United States a 2-1 victory over World Cup champion Germany and a place in Thursday's gold-medal game.

Mia Hamm set up the goal with a short cross from the right, pushing back the pass toward a cluster of three players about 6 yards from the net. The 19-year-old O'Reilly, a freshman at North Carolina, somehow got her foot on the ball before defender Ariane Hingst did, pushing a shot to left of goalkeeper Silke Rottenberg.

The win gives the Fab Five — long-standing U.S. stars Hamm, Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Brandi Chastain and Kristine Lilly — a chance to go out as champions in their final tournament together.

The U.S. team will face either Brazil or Sweden, who played later Monday in Patras, for the Olympic title Thursday in Athens.

Germany will play in the bronze medal game on the same day.

The victory averages a 3-0 loss to Germany in the World Cup semifinals 11 months ago in Portland, Ore. Germany went on to win the Cup and entered the Olympics ranked No. 1 in the world.

The Americans were unlucky that the game even went to overtime.

They dominated Germany most of the match, and the Germans' tying goal came on a shot from Isabel

Bachor that deflected off Fawcett's hip two minutes into second-half injury time.

Then, in overtime, O'Reilly had an open net in front of her after getting past Rottenberg at the top of the penalty box, but she rushed her shot and hit the near post. O'Reilly nearly scored again in the second overtime after a long run with a shot that forced a juggling save by Rottenberg.

Lilly scored her 98th career goal in the 33rd minute — her third goal — as many games — and the U.S. defense didn't allow a shot on goal until the 77th minute. Birgit Prinz, the reigning world player of the year, was essentially neutralized.

Bachor sent the game to overtime by setting up her shot with a move that twisted defender Christie Rampone to the ground. Bachor's 11-yard drive hit Fawcett in the hip, leaving goalkeeper Briana Scurry helpless as the ball landed inside the near post. It was only the second shot on goal for Germany in the match.

Lilly's first-half goal capped a strong, 10-minute stretch for the Americans. Chastain dribbled a cross from the left wing, and Abby Wambach used her strength to fight off Hingst and flick the ball ahead to Lilly. Lilly's shot hit the hand of the veteran Rottenberg, who was leaning just slightly the wrong way, before settling inside the far corner of the net.

In the second half, Scurry made her first save in the 77th minute, falling to the ground to stop Renate Lingor's long free kick.

Play was very physical in a game that included three yellow cards, including Germany's first of the tournament. Hamm, Wambach and Prinz were especially targeted with pushes, shoves and nudges that sent them tumbling to the turf. Foudy was taken off in the 61st minute, after getting spiked in the foot.

# American women

## earn two medals

### in wrestling debut

BY ALAN ROBINSON  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Sara McMann couldn't hold an early lead in her 138½-pound (63kg) gold medal match with world champion Kaori Icho of Japan and lost 3-2 Monday, meaning the United States exited the debut of Olympic women's wrestling without any golds.

The Americans, who had four world silver medals last year, came away with only two medals: McMann's silver and Patricia Miranda's bronze at 105½ pounds (48kg).

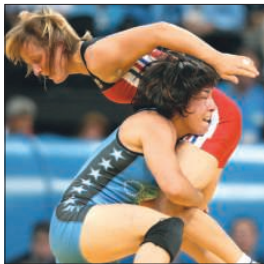
It was the second difficult loss to Icho in less than a year for McMann, who also lost 4-3 to her in overtime during last year's world finals. This defeat was tougher still; McMann looked disconsolate during the medal ceremony, though she hugged Icho before leaving the medals stand.

McMann, who wrestled on the Lock Haven University men's team and has the upper body strength to rival many male wrestlers in her weight class, got off to a great start, taking Icho down twice for a 2-0 lead after the first of the two three-minute periods.

But Icho, the sister of 105½-pound (48kg) silver medalist Chiharu Icho, made sure McMann couldn't rely on her superior upper body strength in the second period.

She scurried away during any McMann attempt to lock her up, instead using her speed and quickness to trip up McMann several times, taking her down three times — with the last and decisive point coming with 23 seconds remaining.

It was the second gold of the night for Japan, which was stunned by the semifinal loss of five-time world champion Kyoko Hamaguchi to 18-year-old Wang Xu of China in the 158½-pound (72kg) semifinals. World champion Saori Yoshida came through



Angelique Berthelot from France, up, and Patricia Miranda from the USA wrestle during the freestyle 48kg wrestling bronze medal match. Miranda won the bronze medal.

to take the gold at 121 pounds (55kg) by beating Tonya Verbeke of Canada 6-0.

Japan's large cheering section reacted with boos and disbelief and Greek police spent several minutes restraining Hamaguchi's angry father, former pro wrestler Heigo "The Animal" Hamaguchi, when he appeared ready to jump out of the stands during his daughter's disputed loss.

Chiharu Icho lost in the 105½-pound finals to defending world champion Irina Merleni of Ukraine on a tiebreaker after the two tied 2-2 through nine minutes. Merleni reached the final by beating Miranda 9-0 in a one-sided semifinal in which the Ukraine wrestler opened a 4-0 lead with only 30 seconds gone.

Miranda bounced back to beat Angelique Berthelot of France 12-4 for the bronze, after trailing 4-1 early.

"The only thing I know is, I'm leaving here after giving it my all," Miranda said. "I didn't care if I lost as long as I gave everything I had."

# Golden: Players honored

## coach's wife in Games

GOLDEN, FROM BACK PAGE

She rode the buses with the All-American girls, went for coffee with them and provided companionship on the road while they chased their dream of Greek gold.

The players honored Sue Candrea by wearing "Sue" decals on their batting helmets and wristbands. She was always in their hearts.

Until the final with Australia, the Americans' stiffest test — and only test — came in the preliminary round against Japan, the bronze medalist which forced the United States into extra innings and the excruciating international tiebreaker.

In the eighth inning of that game, the Americans caught a break when third baseman Reika Utsumi lost an easy pop out in the sun, giving the United States an extra out that seemed heaven sent.

"Sue was looking down upon us," Candrea said at the time.

She was in their thoughts as they celebrated the medal.

After sharing hugs with his coaching staff, Candrea walked onto the field to join his players. The first to meet him was Leah O'Brien-Amico, the only mother on the 15-woman roster, who wrapped her arms around her 18-year-old college coach.

Moments later, the entire U.S. team surrounded Candrea and lifted him into the air.

"It's been definitely an emotional thing for coach and it's definitely an emotional thing for the team," Bustos said. "Sue was with us the whole way."

As happened in their first eight games, the ball bounced the U.S. team's way. That wasn't how it went four years ago in Sydney, when the Americans had to rally after losing three straight games just to make the medal round.

They won gold, but it wasn't easy. This was.

Even when an opposing batter hit a ball hard, it seemed to find a U.S. glove. In the third, Kerry Worn rocketed one only to have it snatched by Fernandez, who simply flicked her wrist and stared at the yellowed ball.

Bustos hit a two-run homer in the first and added solo shot on Harding's first pitch of the third, a towering shot over the left-field wall that landed 320 feet away in the sand next to one of the old runway strips at Hellinikon Airport.

One out later, Stacey Nuveman homered off Harding, who was lifted by coach Simon Roskivist.

After giving up the ball and walking to the third, Harding laughed about what had just happened — another pitcher overwhelmed by the U.S. team's might.

Harding, the only pitcher ever to beat the United States twice in Olympic play, came into the game 4-0 with four shutouts over 33 innings in the tournament.

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## U.S. men close out pool play with easy rout

Duncan scores 15 against overmatched Angola

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Tim Duncan caught a pass in the opening moments of the first quarter and found just one defender, not two, guarding him.

It was the first time in the Athens Olympics he had seen such a sight, and Duncan gladly took advantage by dropping in a shot.

The rest of the Americans got a taste of what it was like in the good ol' days, too, finally playing an opponent they were able to beat easily as they routed Angola 89-53 Monday in their final game of the preliminary round.

"This was a fun game because we got to play a lot of people," coach Larry Brown said. "In the tournament thus far it's been hard giving guys a lot of minutes, but tonight we had an opportunity to do that and everybody played well."

Duncan finished with a team-high 15 points in just 13 minutes, and the Americans dominated the boards Barcelona-style

with a 52-17 edge in rebounding as NBA Commissioner David Stern watched from a seat 10 rows behind the American bench.

The United States, which had already locked up a berth in the quarterfinals, awaited the results of Monday's late games to learn whether it will play Spain, Argentina or Italy in the quarterfinals Thursday.

"The records are out the door and it's the best team that comes to play," LeBron James said. "It's win three games and get the gold. If our best team shows up, we can win the gold."

Angola had played well in two of its four losses, falling by just five points to Lithuania and three to Puerto Rico. But it was thoroughly outclassed this time by an American team that had yet to experience a blowout — except in defeat.

"All in all, we feel pretty good about this thing," Duncan said. "We're pretty excited about our opportunity and we like where we sit."

The Americans grabbed 28 of the first 32 rebounds, made their first two three-point shots and then broke out their high-light-reel material to finish the preliminary round at 3-2, including losses to Puerto Rico and Lithuania.

Rather than going with the type of tight 2-3 zone all the Americans' previous opponents used, Angola (0-5) employed a match-up zone that left Duncan in single coverage. Duncan and Allen Iverson scored the first 13 U.S. points, and the Americans had a 16-2 edge in rebounding as they ended the first quarter with a 23-14 lead.

"We kind of expected them to play man-to-man, but I didn't think it would happen," Duncan said. "They came out in it, and we just wanted to be aggressive against it and jump on them early."

The U.S. team went 3-for-6 from three-point range and 33-for-60 (55 percent) overall.

The Americans planned to take a day off Tuesday before returning to practice Wednesday.



Team USA's LeBron James dunks against Angola during Monday's preliminary round game in Athens. The U.S., which went 3-2 in pool play, plays Spain, Argentina or Italy in the quarterfinals on Thursday.



## Russian shot putter stripped of gold medal

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Russia's Irina Korzhanenko was stripped of her shot put gold medal Monday, the first athlete of the Athens Games to lose an Olympic title because of doping.

Korzhanenko, the first woman to win a gold medal at the sacred site of Ancient Olympia, tested positive for the steroid stanozolol after Wednesday's competition. The backup sample confirmed the initial finding.

The International Olympic Committee executive board expelled Korzhanenko from the Games and ordered the Russian Olympic Committee to return the medal.

The gold goes to Cuba's Yumileidy Cumbie. Jay Garmann's Nadine Kleinert moves up to silver, and Russia's Svetlana Krivolyova to bronze.

"I am surprised because we did everything to avoid such circumstances," said Nikolai Durnanov, head of the Russian Anti-Doping Agency.

"Irina is in the Olympic Village and she is totally dismayed," he said. "We are talking to her, trying to find the reasons why it all happened."

Korzhanenko won with a throw of 69 feet, 1 1/4 inches (21.06 meters) — the first throw more than 21 meters in four years.

## Investigators: Steroids found in Greek coach's warehouse

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — A search of a warehouse used by the coach at the center of a doping scandal involving the country's star sprinters uncovered small amounts of anabolic steroids, Greece's National Organization of Medicines said Monday.

The search of coach Christos Tsokos' facilities last week was part of an investigation into whether 2000 Olympic medalists Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanoou tried to avoid a doping test on the eve of the Athens Games by staging a motorcycle accident.

A prosecutor and two inspec-

tors from the agency, the Greek equivalent of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, confiscated 641 boxes of food supplements and found that more than 1,000 of the supplements listed ephedrine as the main ingredient.

Also found was a small batch of medicine with steroids that came from the United States, Bulgaria and Germany.

Kenteris, the 200-meter gold medalist at the Sydney Games, and Thanoou, who took the silver in the 100 meters, could not be found at the Olympic Village for an Aug. 12 drug test. Hours later, they were in a motorcycle accident that kept them hospitalized for four days.

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# Almost perfect

## U.S. gives up first run, still wins 3rd gold

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ATHENS, Greece — They are America's newest golden girls — powerful and just a shade from perfection.

The U.S. softball team won its third straight gold medal with an unprecedented and nearly unblemished romp through the Olympics, capped by a 5-1 victory Monday over an Australian team, that, like the rest of softball's elite, never had a chance.

The Americans zeroed in on a gold medal, and were four outs from a tournament-long shutout before the Aussies scored a run — the first given up by the U.S. pitching staff in 54½ innings.

One minor flaw on an otherwise perfect run on the game's grandest diamond. Women's softball has never been played better.

Lisa Fernandez pitched a four-hitter and Crystl Bustos homered twice in the Americans' best all-around game of the tournament.

Under the burning Greek sun and in swirling wind, the U.S. team pounded three home runs off Aussie ace Tanya Harding.

They moved over runners. They played stingy defense. They did everything right while thrilling 5,000 fans unlikely ever to see a team as good as this red-white-blue Dream Team of power and speed.

"Our whole team came together today," said Bustos, a two-time Olympian. "The bunting, the people getting on base, the hard-hit balls. Our defense was there. You can't beat it. The pitching was phenomenal. It's the best Olympic team I ever played on."

And maybe the best one ever assembled.

These Yankees, minus the payroll and pinstripes, were simply awesome.

"This is the greatest feeling in the world," said outfielder Kelly Kretschman. "We made it look easy but every game was tough."

Bustos homered twice off Harding, and the United States completed a three-game sweep of the silver medal-winning Aussies, the only team in the same class as the Americans in these games.

The United States outscored Australia 20-1 in the three-game sweep and finished the nine-game tournament by outscoring the field 51-1. The run total was just one of more than a dozen Olympic records that fell to the mighty U.S. squad.



United States pitcher Lisa Fernandez and catcher Stacy Nuweman, background, celebrate as they win the gold medal game 5-1 over Australia at the Olympic Softball Center in Athens on Monday.

After getting the final out, Fernandez flung her glove high into the air and was swarmed by her teammates, who piled on one after another as if they were attempting to build a pyramid in the dirt.

The Americans are leaving Greece with what they came for: a gold medal for themselves, their country and a "team mom" who couldn't be there to share it.

A month before the Olympics, Sue Candrea, the wife of U.S.

coach Mike Candrea, died of a brain aneurysm while traveling with the team on its "Aiming for Athens" tour. She quit her job to join her husband of 28 years.

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### Medal count

Leaders after 178 medal events in the 2004 Olympics on Monday, Aug. 23:

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	23	25	17	65
China	23	15	11	49
Russia	6	15	18	39
Australia	13	9	13	35
Japan	15	7	8	30
Germany	8	10	11	29
France	9	7	9	25
Britain	7	8	7	22
South Korea	6	10	5	21

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